

PARK SCHOOL RESPIRATORY DISEASES (inc COVID 19 PANDEMIC FLU) OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

In response to the DfE Contingency Framework : education and childcare settings August 2021, actions will be taken to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and to identify and address future risks.

*Local authorities, Directors of Public Health and Health Protection Teams are responsible for managing localised outbreaks. Positive cases will still be notified to local advisors at schools.continuity@bcpcouncil.gov.uk; publichealth-hp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and any advice on which actions to implement will be followed.

We will consider taking extra action if we face severe operational disruption to face-to-face education. We are advised to seek public health advice if we are concerned e.g. when there is

- a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection
- evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19
- a cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group

AIMS

1. To operate safely after the staged removal of COVID restrictions by creating safe practice and lifestyle to protect pupils, staff, parents and visitors by reducing the risk of transmission of coronavirus.
2. To manage any COVID -19 outbreaks within Park School and Park Nursery.
3. To immediately and effectively respond to a Variance of Concern (V of C) or to extremely high rates of COVID-19 infection in the school community/ local area.

In the event of an outbreak* of infectious disease/ Pandemic flu e.g.coronavirus, we will consider the following additional mitigations:

1. CONTACT BETWEEN CHILDREN, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AND ADULTS

- For year groups with any positive cases (Additional mitigations will be graduated according to the severity of the transmission and advice given by UKHPA/ local health protection team):
 - Year groups will stay in their year group areas and maintain distancing as much as possible.
 - Lunches will be delivered to classrooms and staff will supervise their own class for this time. Staff can have their lunch delivered to the classroom too.
 - Specialist lessons will take place in the year group classrooms not in shared spaces and outside if possible. Specialist staff should revert to wearing face coverings (unless exempt), distancing, and teaching from the front of the classroom. Specialist staff may be asked to teach remotely if an outbreak is declared.

- Sport will still take place at Dean Park for Y3-6 but there will be increased cleaning of the minibus and games equipment. There will be no mixed year group sports sessions.
- Any visits or outside speakers will be rearranged.
- Pupils will not be able to attend clubs for the duration of the isolation period.
- Decisions about peripatetic lessons will be taken in consultation with the peripatetic teachers.
- If necessary, class bubbles will be reinstated.
- In extreme cases and only as a last resort, short term isolation and a return to remote learning in consultation with the Local or National Public Health Authority.
- Revert to teaching outside where possible.
- Visitors and non-essential external services will not visit the affected year group areas.
- Additional measures taken to protect clinically extremely vulnerable people/ expectant mothers, as necessary.
- Staff in the affected year group(s) will not remain in the staff room at breaktimes but can get a hot drink wearing a face covering (unless exempt).

2. ISOLATION

- When an outbreak is declared, a letter/email will be sent to parents of the affected class/year group based on the template from the Local Health Authorities advising parents that
 - ❖ there has been an outbreak in the class/year group.
 - ❖ to follow Government advice
 - ❖ the school is increasing the precautions following the current Respiratory infections Risk Assessment at the time and this Outbreak Management Plan to reduce the risk of transmission.

3. FACE COVERINGS

- In addition to the wearing of face coverings by staff on first aid duty or when dealing with someone who is showing symptoms of the virus and is being sent home, we will reinstate face coverings, if advised, to be worn by all adults.

4. HYGIENE

- Enhanced cleaning of touch points and equipment at intervals throughout the day and thorough cleaning of any affected rooms.

5. VENTILATION

- Ventilation will be further improved in line with evidence collected on effectiveness.

6. TESTING

- In the case of a positive LFT or PCR, staff should stay at home and follow current isolation advice.
- Testing to be carried out more frequently if instructed by UKHSA/ Local Health Protection team.

7. SYMPTOMATIC PUPILS

- Testing and isolation as instructed by UKHSA/ Local Health Protection team.

8. REMOTE LEARNING FOR ISOLATING PUPILS

- Isolating classes will revert to remote learning via Teams.

9. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- Revert to staggered arrival and departure times with one-way system and barriers on the gates.
- Sanitiser will be applied upon entry through the gate.

10. Events

- The safety of the scheduled event will be assessed in line with all of the above and guidance will be sought from Public Health Dorset.
- Educational day visits and residential visits will be cancelled.
- Open days, Speech Day and the Carol service will be cancelled or revert to on-line/ recording.
- Live performances will be cancelled/ rearranged.