

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance](#), both published by the Department for Education (DfE).

We may implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan, according to Senior Management Team (SMT) and Governors' negotiations, in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), directors of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school. Actions will be considered when either of the following thresholds are met:
 - There are 5 positive cases amongst students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
 - 10% of students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period
 - If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
 - As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)
 - To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

2. Seeking public health advice

When one of the thresholds above is met, we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. Senen Fikri will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or will contact Haringey Public Health (the school has mobile phone numbers for Haringey Public Health managers).

3. Testing

If recommended, we will increase the use of home testing by students and staff. If it is advised that we reintroduce asymptomatic testing at our school with as many of our students as is feasible, we will consult with the director of public health (DsPH) to discuss any further support we need to do this.

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing, from this point onwards we will provide twice weekly tests/ing for all students and staff (this is based on consent of family).

4. Face coverings

If recommended, students, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas

And/or:

- Will be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity

5. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

6. Other measures

Parents, carers, students and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via text, letter and use of the school website.

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles to reduce mixing

7. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

7.1 Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable students
- Students of critical workers

7.2 Education and support for students at home

All other students will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.

We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that students would receive in school, as outlined in our:

Contingency Plan for remote Learning (on the school website)

The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for students eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. This may involve initially collecting from school following on by voucher scheme in line with Government guidance



7.3 Safeguarding

We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.

When vulnerable students are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where appropriate, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Ensure vulnerable students can access appropriate education and support while at home
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision

When should my student self isolate?	NO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students MUST attend school unless they are ill. ● From 16th August 2021, students under 18 (or double vaccinated adults) do not need to self or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid. ● Instead they will need to book a PCR test but can continue to come to school so long as they have no symptoms and the result is negative.
	YES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If your student develops Covid symptoms at home, they should STAY AT HOME and should have a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow test). ● If your student develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book a PCR test for them. (Siblings will continue to attend as normal). ● If your student tests positive for Covid, they will need to self isolate for 10 days, this is a legal requirement. The rest of the household does not need to self isolate if they are under 18 or double vaccinated, but instead should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
<p>Low Community transmission.</p> <p>No school cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case of Covid cases locally are low. ● There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. ● Hospitalisations/ deaths due to Covid nationally are low 	<p>No Extra Covid measure are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminding students of good hand hygiene. ● Promote good respiratory hygiene by promoting “catch it, bin it, kill it” ● Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes. ● Keep occupied spaces well ventilated. ● Ensuring students/staff stay at home if they have covid symptoms and have a PCR test. ● Staff will be encouraged to continue to test themselves using the lateral flow tests until the end of September.
<p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<p>No current cases at school but...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community and case numbers are high, causing disruption to other schools locally. ● Haringey Public Health/ Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. 	<p>Extra covid measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ventilation of classrooms increased ● Supervised hand washing ● Increase in cleaning ● Staffroom capacity reduced ● Whole school assemblies are outside or reduced to key stage assemblies ● Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. ● Year group bubbles introduced ● Staggered start and end times.

Number of Cases	Description	Action
<p>A single student tests positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A single student tests positive for Covid in a class. ● There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group ● No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The student self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. ● The parents of the student are to contact NHS Track and Trace to establish likely close contacts. ● The school will also identify likely close contact and send them a Warn and Inform letter (provided

		<p>by Haringey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Likely contacts will be advised to book a PCR test. ● Students do not need to miss school or self isolate while they wait for the result of a PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms or have tested positive for Covid from a Lateral Flow test.
<p>5 students or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other</p> <p>Or</p> <p>3 students or staff in a single class/club test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As above for each positive case ● The school will discuss the outbreak with Haringey Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for an agreed period of time, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Re introducing face masks for corridors and communal areas ● Reverting to Zoom assemblies ● Reducing the amount of classes staff work across ● Adapting, limiting or postponing events such as trips and performances.
<p>Covid cases continue to rise rapidly within a 10 day period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading throughout the whole school. 	<p>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Haringey Public Health to agree further measures, for a further agreed period of time, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limiting all non essential visitors to school ● Reducing bubble sizes ● Postponing all non essential events ● Reintroducing remote learning for classes.