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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID Outbreak Management Plan

We have recently seen a rise in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst staff and pupils, which is in line with trends locally and nationally. I would therefore like to share with you, our Covid Outbreak Management Plan which could be implemented as early as next week in particular Centres, under the instruction of Public Health England (PHE).

For clarity, James Brindley will declare a 'COVID-19 Outbreak' and introduce additional measures when

- For centres of 20 pupils & staff or less - there are 2 positive cases among pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed within a 10-day period
- For centres of 21 pupils & staff or more - there are 5 positive cases among pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed within a 10-day period
- COVID-19 infection rates in the local area are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- A package of measures responding to a 'Variant of Concern'
- Unsustainable pressure is put on the NHS

Please see the attached plan for the additional measures we might implement as and when necessary.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that current guidance is that all staff and pupils are encouraged to continue with twice weekly home testing. These are lateral flow tests (LFD) and should only be used if you are not showing COVID-19 symptoms.

Home testing kits are available in each centre and will continue to be handed out regularly. For any young people aged 12 and over, please follow the link below to book a vaccination if you haven't already done so.

[Book or manage a 1st or 2nd dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Outbreak Management Plan

James Brindley will consider the additional measures in the event of an 'COVID-19 Outbreak'

1. Testing – James Brindley will adhere to guidance on the reintroduction of home testing and asymptomatic testing.
 - a. If recommended, increase the use of home testing by pupils and staff.
 - b. If it is advised, reintroduce asymptomatic testing at Centres.
 - c. Work with the director of public health (DPH) on any further support needed regarding testing

2. Face Coverings – If recommended, pupils, staff and visitors should 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.
 - a. Should be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or where a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity
 - b. In some circumstances, transparent face coverings, which may assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, can also be worn. Transparent face coverings may be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19.
 - c. Face visors or shields can be worn by those exempt from wearing a face covering but they are not an equivalent alternative in terms of source control of virus transmission.
 - d. No pupil should however be denied education on the grounds of whether they are, or are not, wearing a face covering

3. Shielding - In the event of an outbreak, Schools and settings will need to adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding
 - a. Follow national or local guidance on the reintroduction of shielding which would apply to those on the shielded patient list (SPL).
 - b. Introduce additional protective measures in school for individuals required to shield.
 - c. Consider home working for members of staff required to shield.
 - d. Consider remote learning offer for pupils unable to attend school due to shielding.

4. Other Measures - Parents, carers, pupils and staff should be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures.
 - a. Consider limiting
 - i. All visits, i.e., residential educational visits etc.
 - ii. Open days
 - iii. Transition or taster days
 - iv. Parents coming into school
 - v. Live performances
 - b. If recommended, be prepared to reintroduce Bubbles to reduce mixing between groups.
 - c. Introduce enhanced robust cleaning regimes throughout the day for commonly touched surfaces and areas (in addition to current cleaning regimes).
 - d. Following the identification of a person with COVID-19 symptoms, clean and disinfect:

- All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with, including objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids; and
 - All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells
5. Attendance Restrictions - Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort.
- a. If restrictions are recommended, James Brindley will remain open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.
 - b. All pupils who are required to stay at home will receive remote education, which will meet the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in centre.
 - c. Families of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided promptly with vouchers
 - d. James Brindley's safeguarding arrangements will be reviewed to ensure that during restrictions it remains effective.

Symptomatic Individuals within Educational Settings Pathway

