COVID-19: outbreak management plan
For all schools in The Trinity Federation and Morville CE Primary Academy

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director 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, for example:

> To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school

> 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)

2. 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.

3. Other measures

In the event of a potential Covid outbreak within the school setting, the school will seek to implement some/all of the below dependant on the seriousness of the outbreak and the school's ability to mitigate the risks of the virus spreading further.

➢ Reintroduction of the use of face masks by staff in communal areas
➢ Reintroduction of the use of face masks by staff within the classroom
➢ Reintroduction of the use of face masks by parents on site
➢ Review whether external visitors should be allowed on site
➢ Reintroduction of class bubbles
➢ Reintroduction of staggered start and finish times for school day

If recommended, we will also limit:

> Residential educational visits

> Open days

> Transition or taster days

> Parents coming into school

> Live performances

4. Attendance restrictions

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

4.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

> Vulnerable pupils

> Children of critical workers
> Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

> Vulnerable pupils

> Children of critical workers

4.2 Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils 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 pupils would receive in school, as outlined in our remote learning policy that can be found on our school website.

The school will continue to provide supermarket (Aldi) vouchers for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals whilst they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

4.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and the summer holidays to those that need it most.

We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.

4.4 Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will have a trained DSL or deputy DSL available to maintain contact with our vulnerable pupils and families.

If our DSL (or deputy) is unavailable, they can be contacted via the school office and a member of the school team will contact them via their mobile numbers:

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