



Healey Foundation Primary

Outbreak Management Plan

This plan outlines the procedures and steps that Healey Foundation Primary School will implement based on the principles set out in the Contingency framework, which describes how local outbreaks of Covid- 19 will be managed.

Measures affecting education may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- If there is extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community 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

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan 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, for example:

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 pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period.
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period.

The principle of this management plan is to ensure that every pupil at Healey Foundation Primary School receives the quantity, quality of education and care that they would normally receive.

Bubbles

In the event of cases of covid rising in school enough to be considered a school outbreak, the school will reintroduce classroom bubbles to minimise cross infection and contamination. Staff and children will be limited to movement around the school and all past covid prevention measures will be put in place, such as staggered break times and lunchtimes, classroom assemblies via zoom etc.

Face coverings

In the event of a school outbreak staff will be asked to use facemasks in communal areas and corridors. MDS staff will use masks when carrying out their duties indoors at lunchtime.

Lateral Flow Testing

In the event of an increase of cases in school, as described in the outbreak definition at the beginning of this document. Staff and families will be asked to temporary increase LF testing in the

hope that any further infections can be caught and contained. Staff may choose to test themselves daily if they wish. Any positive LF Test must be confirmed by PCR, if the PCR is negative then the member of staff or pupil can return to school, should they be symptoms free.

Shielding

Shielding can only be introduced by the National government. If it is reinstated then staff who have previously shielded and are advised to do so, will be supported to work from home where possible. If this is a teacher then they will continue to deliver lessons remotely with the support of their in class Learning Support Assistant and the Senior Leadership team.

If a pupil needs to shield, then they will be provided with remote learning which is explained later in this document.

School trips

In the event of a local outbreak, the school will postpone all school trips that involve the use of transport. Where the risk assessment allows then local visits to outside locations would still be permissible as long as it was within a sensible walking distance of the school. If a trip cannot be postponed, then it will be cancelled and parents refunded any contributions that they have made.

Parental attendance in school

In accordance with Step 4 of the Government Guidance, schools are encouraged to return to as much as normal as possible, this extends to rebuilding relationships between parents and school. We will revert back to parents being allowed into school for meetings and performances. If a local or school outbreak occurs, all on-site parental meetings will not continue until they can be undertaken outside whilst maintaining social distancing.

Prospective parents for the September 2022 intake can visit school for guided tours. However, should an outbreak occur, these visits would have to be postponed until the outbreak is contained.

School performances/assemblies

In the event of a local outbreak all school activities, that may have included a parental audience, will revert to online or recorded (with suitable permissions sought for GDPR reasons). If an event is recorded, then parents/carers will be provided with a copy at the earliest opportunity.

All internal assemblies will be held over Zoom and class bubbles will remain in place.

Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions and part or full school closure in the event of an outbreak will only be considered as a last resort and in consultation with the local authority and Public Health England.

If we are advised to limit attendance due to Covid cases our remote learning plans will be re-introduced. Records of online engagement kept and contact made to families of pupils who are not engaging online. If it is a local lockdown all children will attend unless advised otherwise by the local council.

Staffing issues will be taken into consideration, if/when ratios for safe supervision are put into jeopardy within yeargroups affected. Wherever possible, cover will be sought from our highly skilled HLTAs in the first instance and lesson coverage provided in liaison with the class teacher.

Safeguarding

DSL meetings will be held weekly. These meetings will focus on those pupils that are not engaging with remote learning. Appropriate steps will then be determined and actions agreed and

implemented with families to enable better engagement.

Families of children who are known to social services or are vulnerable in some way will be contacted by class teachers at least weekly to 'check in' and see if all is ok.

Welfare checks to all pupils will be made via phone call at least once during an outbreak, regular communication can be conducted via Seesaw through marking work. Welfare checks will increase to every week if the school is closed for a longer period of time.

A designated safeguarding lead (DSL) or deputy DSL will be onsite during the school day to ensure that any safeguarding concerns are addressed. In the extremely unlikely event that the DSL and DDSL are not on site or available then the SENco, Key Stage 1 Lead or EYFS leader will deputise in their absence.

