COVID-19: outbreak management plan

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the <u>contingency framework for managing local outbreaks</u> 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 <u>shielded patient list (SPL)</u>.

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

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will 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 on the school website penpolschool.co.uk on the Remote Learning page, click on the link on the front page.

The school will continue to provide vouchers for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while 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 aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by emailing head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk.

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

5. Responding to Increased Cases in the Community

5.1 If a cases in the local community are high:

We will adjust our school measures accordingly. This is likely to include the following:

- Reinforcing existing control measures
- Continuing weekly antiviral 'fogging'
- Reminding colleagues of the option to wear face c;overing if they feel more comfortable

If cases in the community are exceptionally high:

We will also enact the following:

- minimising contact between bubbles
- adjusting our assembly programme

5.2 If an outbreak occurs in the school community:

- We will contact our local health protection team for further advice.
- The above will advise any additional action necessary which may include the wearing of masks for adults.