

Seven Mills COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan

Please note this document is an appendix to the schools main risk assessment, it should be undertaken in conjunction with the school guidance updated by the Department for Education on 24th May 2021 as follows:

[actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak](#)

This document outlines how schools would operate if any of the approaches for easing and tightening of measures, including possible attendance restrictions, become necessary in your local area. This includes ensuring every child, pupil or student receives the quantity and quality of education and care to which they are normally entitled, whether on-site or remotely.

ACTIONS SHOULD ONLY BE INSTIGATED IF ADVISED DIRECTLY BY DFE, PUBLIC HEALTH OR YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Assessment conducted by:	Tom Foster	Job Title	Headetacher	Areas covered by this assessment	Seven Mills Primary
Date of Assessment	22nd July 2021	Review schedule	Monthly	Next Review Date	1st September 2021

RISK MATRIX

Risk Rating/Likely Impact	Likelihood of Occurrence		
	Probable	Possible	Remote
Major: Causes major physical injury			
Severe: Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid			
Minor: Causes physical or emotional discomfort			

Areas of concern	Risk Rating Prior to Action	Control Measures	Please mark Y,N or N/A	Further Actions/Comments	Residual Risk Rating: (H/M/L)
1 Minimising Transmission					
1.1 General					
Direct or indirect transmission of COVID-19		The main risk assessment, detailing the prevention and response system of controls in place, continues to be reviewed on a two weekly basis.	Y		
1.2 Directed to restrict attendance					
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Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 and existing measures have failed to reduce community transmission		<p>Localised measures have failed to mitigate community transmission; Measures of the kind set out in the contingency framework are not working;</p> <p>If there is significant concern that existing or recently introduced measures in an area have failed to mitigate community transmission, or that a more robust response is required to contain the outbreak of VoC, it may be necessary to limit the number of children and young people in education or childcare settings through attendance restrictions;</p> <p>As part of their outbreak management responsibilities, LAs, Directors of Public Health and HPTs may advise individual settings or a cluster of closely linked settings to limit attendance in one of the ways described in this section.</p> <p>Where LAs judge that wider containment action is needed and wish to limit attendance within an area, they should work with their Regional Partnership Team to escalate a proposal to the</p>	All control measures will be NA until directed to action by Public Health or Local Authority		

		<p>central Local Action Committee command structure.</p> <p>Attendance restrictions of this kind should <u>not</u> be used to address operational challenges, including staff shortages;</p> <p>In Early Year settings the position is to allow all children to attend;</p> <p>If attendance needs to be limited in Early Years settings, DfE advise that vulnerable and children of critical workers should be allowed to attend. DfE will advise when children should be permitted to return;</p> <p>In Primary School settings the position is to allow all children to attend;</p> <p>If attendance needs to be limited in Primary School setting, DfE may advise that all vulnerable and children of critical workers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, should be allowed to attend. DfE will advise when children should be permitted to return;</p> <p>If by exception attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical workers should still be allowed to attend.</p> <p>In these circumstances high quality, remote learning should be provided to all pupils;</p>			
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1.3 Asymptomatic testing of staff					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		Where a variant of concern (VoC) occurs DHSC will increase targeted testing in that geographical area	All control measures will be N/A until		

		<p>to help suppress and control any possible new cases and better understand the new variant.</p> <p>When a variant is classified as variant of concern</p> <p>An increased use of home testing by staff may also be advised</p>	<p>directed to action by DfE, Public Health or Local Authority</p>		
1.4 Face Coverings					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>This may include face coverings in communal areas (for pupils and students) and/or classrooms (for both pupils, students and staff).</p> <p>These measures may be advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for an individual setting or a small cluster of settings only, by directors of public health as part of their responsibilities in outbreak management (in most cases a 'cluster' will be no more than 3 or 4 settings linked in the same outbreak), or for settings across areas that have been offered an enhanced response package, where settings and directors of public health decide it is appropriate <p>Temporary re-introduction of face coverings, in all cases, this should be balanced with the benefits in managing transmission and should allow for reasonable exemptions for their use.</p> <p>Face visors will only be worn where they have been identified as appropriate following risk assessment and will be thoroughly cleaned between uses</p> <p>Primary/Nursery Schools will follow the instruction of LA/DsPH/PHE/HPTs in any local outbreak</p>	<p>All control measures will be NA until directed to action by DfE, Public Health or Local Authority</p>	<p>Face coverings will be worn as per the risk assessment in communal spaces.</p> <p>Staff who want to wear a face covering can do so at any time.</p> <p>Visitors and volunteers to follow the risk assessment</p>	

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1.5 Out of School Settings and wrap around childcare					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>If attendance restrictions are needed, vulnerable children and young people should be allowed to attend. For all other children, parents and carers should only be allowed to access these providers for face-to-face provision for their children for a limited set of essential purposes, such as to allow them to go to or seek work, attend a medical appointment, or undertake education and training.</p> <p>Restrictions on attendance may need to vary depending on whether provision will be operating during school term-time and/or school holidays, when schools are otherwise closed to ensure sufficient childcare provision remains available to those that need it most. Therefore, the advice outlined above could be subject to change. Further advice will be provided should this be the case.</p> <p>In the meantime, providers should continue to refer to guidance on protective measures for holiday, after school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	All control measures will be N/A until directed to action by Public Health or Local Authority	<p>If attendance restrictions are in place breakfast clubs will be curtailed apart from key workers and vulnerables children.</p> <p>All after school clubs will be postponed.</p>	
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1.6 Educational visits					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		Any attendance restrictions should be reflected in the visits risk assessment and setting leaders should consider carefully if the educational visit is still appropriate and safe. Only children who are attending the setting should go on an educational visit. Education settings should consult the health	Y	<p>No trips to take place on public transport.</p> <p>Outdoor local trips will be allowed.</p>	

		and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits.			
1.7 Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>Shielding was paused on 1st April and those who are clinically, extremely vulnerable (CEV) are no longer advised to shield;</p> <p>Individuals on the shielded patient list (SPL), ministers can in the event of a major outbreak or variant of concern that poses a significant risk;</p> <p>Settings should make sure their outbreak management plans agree to reintroduce shielding. Shielding would be considered in addition to other measures to address the residual risk to people on the SPL, once the wider interventions are taken into account.</p> <p>Please note: shielding can only be reintroduced by national government.</p>		Seven Mills will follow advice on CEV staff from the government.	
1.8 Transport					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>Transport services to education settings should continue to be provided as normal where children are attending education settings. The transport to school and other places of education: 2020 to 2021 academic year guidance remains in place.</p> <p>Contingency planning for transport concerns should be detailed here, if in the event of local or LA transport being restricted due to extremely high VoC, what action would be needed</p>	N/A		
1.9 School Meals					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		Schools should provide meal options for all pupils who are in school. Meals should be available free of charge to all infant pupils and pupils who meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria.	Y		

		<p>Schools should also continue to provide free school meals support in the form of meals or lunch parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and who are not attending school because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are self-isolating • have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves • are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19 <p>Further information is available in the guidance on providing school meals during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>FE providers should continue to support students who are eligible for, and usually receive, free meals, even if students are studying remotely due to COVID-19. This includes students in further education, who are newly eligible.</p>			
1.10 Summer Schools					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>In most circumstances, children should be allowed to attend summer schools as planned.</p> <p>A review of the Summer School Provision if external to include their updated risk assessment and control measures, assurance of track and trace.</p> <p>Consider the cleaning and hygiene measures and the risks to other school staff such as the premises and business manager/office staff that may be working in the same environment, areas.</p> <p>Facilities and activities should reflect any local or national restrictions.</p> <p>If attendance restrictions are needed as a last resort, the academic element of the programme may need to be delivered remotely.</p>			

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1.11 Education Workforce					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>Employers should continue to implement the system of controls set out in the schools CV19 risk assessment and current guidance;</p> <p>To reduce risk to staff, including how these protective measures – they should explain to staff the measures they are putting in place, which have been reviewed as part of an updated workplace risk assessment;</p> <p>Schools should have regard to the guidance on clinically, extremely vulnerable people;</p> <p>Schools should consider COVID-19 education wellbeing</p>	Y		
1.12 Remote Education					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>High quality remote education should be provided for all pupils not attending a setting; schools to detail here your remote learning set up in detail; including reference to your remote learning policy.</p> <p>We will offer immediate access to high-quality remote education for all pupils who are required to remain at home.</p> <p>The school will ensure that lessons are suitable for age, ability of class and consider adapting where needed to account for the needs of disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND.</p>	Y	We will follow the Seven Mills remote learning policy which will be reviewed and evaluated as learning takes place.	

		In exceptional circumstances, the school may reduce its curriculum offering to enable pupils to cope with the workload – the headteacher will assess this need, keeping pupils' best interests in mind, and will not take the decision lightly.			
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1.13 Other Measures					
Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 / variant of concern (VoC)		<p>Settings should make sure their outbreak management plans cover the possibility they are advised to limit;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential educational visits • Open days • Transition & taster days • Parental attendance in settings • Performances in settings <p>Local Authorities, DsPH and PHE Health Protection Teams may recommend these precautions in one setting, a cluster of settings or across an entire area.</p>	Y	<p>Public Health are supportive of the following subject to robust risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential educational visits • EYFS transition days <p>Parental attendance in settings for large groups are not encouraged due to challenges of social distancing unless these can be managed safely i.e. outdoors</p>	
1.14					
<p>Infection Control Policy will be followed and is aligned to the DFE's systems of control, supported and implemented via the schools CV19 risk assessment and control measures. Any member of the school community who displays symptoms of coronavirus will be required to self-isolate and encouraged to get a test. Tests can be booked online or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. Critical workers, including school staff, have priority access to testing. All schools are currently being provided with rapid-result testing kits, which include PPE, to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus. Full arrangements for delivering rapid-result testing can be found in our Coronavirus (COVID-19): Asymptomatic Testing Policy.</p> <p>If a variant of coronavirus classed as a variant of concern (VoC) is identified within the school's geographical area, the school will partake in targeted testing by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to help suppress and control any possible new cases. The school will also adhere to advice from Directors of Public Health in relation to the temporary reintroduction of face coverings.</p>					

Approved by: Tom Foster	Date of Approval	Date of review	Presented to Board of Governors on (date):
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