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Kingsland Primary School – Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan

Introduction

The aim of this plan is to outline the school's response to infectious disease and illness in the setting, so that education can continue to operate as normally as possible but also in a way that is safe for the entire school community.

Measures may be necessary in order to help manage:

- a single confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19
- other cases of respiratory illness and/or viral infection (e.g. colds, flu)
- cases of sickness and diarrhoea
- suspected cases of food poisoning linked to school food
- confirmed cases of chickenpox, measles, rubella and slapped cheek disease

This plan should be read alongside the school's Infectious Disease Policy and Respiratory Illness Risk Assessment, which provide a comprehensive list of infectious illnesses and how the school will respond to these.

Scenario 1 – Single Confirmed COVID-19 Case

If there is one case identified in school the following steps will be taken in line with the latest guidance:

- Close contacts of the positive case (staff and parents of pupils) would be informed and advised to be vigilant for any symptoms over the next 10 days
- School will follow their Local Authority reporting guidance, if this is required at the time
- The class that the positive case was in will revert to being a bubble with no mixing with other classes for a period of up to 10 days. This may include some or all of the following:
    - limitations of staff moving in and out of the bubble for cover purposes – staffing will be limited if practically possible to those present in the class in the 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms;
    - class members (pupils and staff) not mixing with other classes e.g. in specialist teaching spaces, in assemblies, at dinner/play time etc;
    - use of an emergency staff room maintained on each site that staff will use this for the period that the temporary bubble is in operation;
    - other/visiting professionals can still work with the class, but should be made aware of the positive case.
- consideration of ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort
- enhanced cleaning focusing on touch points and any shared equipment
- Consideration will be given to transport and visitor contacts
- School Infectious Disease Policy and Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan to be evaluated in light of any learning from new case

Scenario 2 – Outbreak of any infectious disease within setting

If one or more pupil/member of staff has a confirmed diagnosis of a notifiable disease, then all close contacts of the confirmed case will be informed. If more than 2 pupils or staff members in a class develop similar symptoms of any of the infectious diseases identified in the school's Infectious Disease Policy, then some or all of the following measures would be implemented (dependent upon the nature of illness):

- Close contacts of the case (staff and parents of pupils) would be informed and advised to be vigilant for any symptoms for the time period specified in the school's Infectious Disease Policy
- School will follow their Local Authority reporting guidance, if this is required at the time for the disease/level of illness present (the school will always inform the relevant authorities of any legally notifiable diseases). School are currently not required to report an outbreak of any respiratory infection, including COVID-19, in the workplace *(see Guidance document - Reducing the Spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace published 1st April 2022)*
- The class where the case was may revert to being a bubble with no mixing with other classes for the time period specified in the school's Infectious Disease Policy. This may include some or all of the following:
    - limitations of staff moving in and out of the bubble for cover purposes – staffing will be limited if practically possible to those present in the class in the 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms;
    - class members (pupils and staff) not mixing with other classes e.g. in specialist teaching spaces, in assemblies, at dinner/play time etc;

    - use of an emergency staff room maintained on each site that staff will use this for the period that the temporary bubble is in operation;
    - other/visiting professionals can still work with the class, but should be made aware of the positive case.
- The wearing of face masks may be re-introduced in busy, communal areas if there were a number of confirmed COVID-19 infections
- consideration of ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort
- enhanced cleaning focusing on touch points and any shared equipment
- Consideration will be given to transport and visitor contacts
- Remote learning plan to be implemented for pupils being asked to stay at home as a precaution, but who are well enough in themselves to complete work
- School Infectious Disease Policy and Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan to be evaluated in light of any learning from new case

As is outlined in the school's Infectious Disease Policy, the best way to avoid any outbreak in a setting is to ensure preventative measures are in place. Within the school, some of these key measures will be in place:

- high standards of hygiene, such as staff wearing appropriate levels of PPE when providing personal care for pupils
- A responsible approach to hygiene, such as staff and pupils who are displaying symptoms of illness not preparing food for others
- Well ventilated rooms, wherever possible, around the school building
- Hand sanitiser being freely available to all staff

Scenario 3 – The setting is affected by any reinstatement of local or national measures related to COVID-19
The COVID situation is ever changing as are the directed responses. The school will work in collaboration with professionals and stakeholders to limit the impact on educational delivery, in the event of future national outbreaks or measures. This will include working with the following:

- Parents/carers
- Pupils
- Public Health
- Local Authority
- Social Care
- DfE

The following plans may be reinstated to support the continued delivery of education under local or national measures:

<u>Testing</u>

- the distribution of LFT tests.

<u>Face Coverings</u>

- should face coverings be recommended, school will implement this in line with advice given at the time.

<u>Shielding</u>

- Should shielding be reintroduced, those on the shielded patient list will be supported to follow guidance. If this is a pupil, then a remote learning plan may be implemented. Shielding staff will be supported to work from home and measures put in place to support their wellbeing.

<u>Kingsland COVID-secure risk assessment</u>
The Respiratory Diseases (including COVID-19) Risk Assessment will be reviewed and updated.

<u>Attendance restrictions</u>
Attendance restrictions will only be considered as a short-term measure and as a last resort in line with current guidance.

Contingency Framework: Education and Childcare Settings
In the event of a contingency framework being re-introduced, this will be utilised by the school.