Stroud Valley Community Primary School

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance](#), 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), directors of public health (DsPH), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) health protection team or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures 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 among 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

Additionally measures may have to be taken:

- 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)
- to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

Seeking Public Health Advice

When one of the thresholds above is met, we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or South West Health Protection Team ,and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or GCC COVID Communications Lead.

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

Other Measures

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures.

This will be done via email or text once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit events such as visits to the school or reintroduce previous measures such as bubbles to reduce mixing between groups.

Attendance Restrictions

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

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers.

Education and Support for Children 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.

The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

Parents will be informed of where and when these should be collected from school.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care will return to arrangements that were in place before restrictions were lifted, in practice this means children operating in class bubble groups.

Safeguarding

We will ensure our child protection arrangements reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible. If this is not possible they will remain contactable by phone at all times.

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will communicate with parents and outside agencies to encourage attendance. and / or support remote learning