

1 March 2021

THESE ARE THE KEY POINTS EMPHASISED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SYSTEM OF CONTROLS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

Please take particular notice of the notes in green which are pertinent to the school.

Prevention

Providers (including their staff where applicable) must always:

1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend your setting.

If there is a positive test result in a year group bubble it is highly likely that all children/adults will have been contacts of the individual. In this case, parent/carers of the children will be notified, and the contacts will be asked to self-isolate for ten full days since the last contact date. If anyone in the household develops symptoms during this ten-day period, they will need to get a test and then isolate for a further ten days from the start of symptoms or the positive test date.

All members of the household of a positive case must isolate and this includes anyone in the household's support bubble or childcare bubble.

2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.

Face coverings are recommended to be worn by adults where social distancing between adults is not possible (corridors, communal areas, queuing for school drop off and pick up) – face visors and shields should not be worn as an alternative to face coverings - remember to clean hands before and after touching a face covering (including removal and putting on) – store safely in a sealable plastic bag if not wearing. NB: damp face coverings should not be worn – keep a spare in case. Children under the age of 11 are not required to wear a face covering. If they choose to do so they must follow the same procedure as for adults detailed above and notify the school that they will be wearing face coverings (Mandi's letter 1 March refers).

3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.

We will continue to require children to wash their hands frequently throughout the day at school. Please ensure children wear clean clothes daily and wash/shower before coming to school. Please also ensure that hair is tied back.

4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

Each class will have tissues available, but please send your child to school with tissues if they have a runny nose to avoid any cross contamination. Please reinforce the message – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it - at home, as we will continue to do in school.

5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.

The school will continue to have enhanced cleaning taking place throughout the day and after school.

6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

All parents/carers should maintain social distancing of 2m when queuing to drop their children off at school and when picking them up. Please do not linger around the school entrances to catch up with other parents/carers and please wear face coverings as a courtesy to other parents/carers.

We will continue with staggered start and finish times (timings attached in a separate document) to avoid contact between different class bubbles at these times. Friday early dismissal will continue. It will be reviewed by the Governing Body at its 28 April meeting.

If government guidance permits the opening of bubbles, transmission data continues to improve, and health concerns and staff absences stabilise, the school will end Friday early dismissal at the end of April and will return to a 'normal' timetable from Monday 3 May 2021.

Riaan and the Kickabout Team will also have staggered pick up times after the After-school Sports Bubble Clubs, which will resume on 8 March – there are guidelines around the provision of after-school activities and the conditions under which children may take part – please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

The school will be well ventilated which means it may be cold at times – please ensure your children have adequate layers of clothing so they don't get cold whilst at school.

In specific circumstances:

8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.

Where staff must deal with intimate care situations, or children who are prone to producing saliva, they may wear full PPE to protect themselves from body fluids.

9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing.

The school is part of the asymptomatic testing programme. Staff are encouraged to join in the twice-weekly lateral flow device testing but this is on a voluntary basis. We will be asking that all staff who are part of this programme test themselves on a Sunday morning. This is to ensure that should a class bubble have to close on account of a member of staff with a positive test, then the 10-day isolation period will start from the Friday and the minimum number of school days will be missed due to isolation.

It has been announced that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time. Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

The tests will not be available from school; the following link explains where they may be obtained from:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Response to any infection

Providers (including their staff where applicable) must always:

10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

We liaise with Public Health Haringey when any positive test cases occur and as stated previously, we are taking part in the asymptomatic testing process.

11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the setting community.

Please ensure that you inform the school of any positive tests (both pupils here, siblings and parents/carers, support bubbles, childcare bubbles) so we can take the appropriate action to request contacts to isolate as required.

12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Please note that should a member of staff receive a positive test result following either a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test or a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test the class bubble will close immediately. If the result was from a LFD test the staff member will immediately seek a PCR test.

We will follow all advice provided by the local health protection team to contain outbreaks within the school – please note that this may include asking siblings to isolate for ten days as well as actual contacts.

Please remember that children should not come to school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus symptoms

(The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.)
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- a member of their household (NB. this includes anyone in support bubbles or childcare bubbles) has symptoms
 - they are quarantining after returning from Common Travel Areas
 - they have a positive test.

Self-isolation is for at least ten days from the start of symptoms or if no symptoms are present isolation starts from the test date (either Lateral Flow Device test - the rapid 30 minute one) or the PCR - sent away to labs, back within 12-24 hours).

If anyone has symptoms, they will be sent home immediately to seek a test and self-isolate.

Full guidance on what to do if anyone in your household has a positive coronavirus test or is displaying symptoms is provided here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>