

COVID19 Outbreak Management Plan

DFE guidance states:

If you have 2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where COVID-19 is suspected, you may have an outbreak.

For support contact:

Essex Contact Tracing Team: 0300 303 2698, provide.escontacttracing@nhs.net DFE Helpline: 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1

The re-introduction of some additional protective measures may be a necessary response to a potential outbreak in school. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission.

Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local directors of public health to advise on.

Actions considered to contain an outbreak

Impacted year	Impacted staff:	Date:	
group:			

Guidance	Action taken	Date commenced	Date of Review	Review Outcome
Self-isolation of close contacts In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. This could be the class or year group.	Advice sought from Public Health and ECTT. X students isolating from X to X.	15/09/21	27/09/21	Self-isolation period ended, X further cases within group tested positive and isolating with household.
Re-introduction of Face Coverings The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.	Face coverings advised for adults and students in corridors and crowded areas.	15/09/21	20/09/21	Compliance is high. Plan to continue arrangements for another week.
Asymptomatic Testing Additional testing may be recommended to pick up any	Letter to parents re home testing.	15/09/21	17/09/21	Home testing uptake not increased. Onsite testing considered.

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asymptomatic testing in the school community.				
Increased ventilation The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak and CIBSE COVID-19 advice provides more information.	Reminded to keep windows opened as much as possible. Investigating options for improving mechanical ventilation system.	15/09/21	27/09/21	
Increased cleaning	Reinforced important of cleaning in between groups.	15/09/21		
Reduce mixing of students	Reviewed start and end times, lunch and break arrangements and re-instated small groups for PE etc.	15/09/21		
Communications to staff	All staff advised of potential outbreak and mitigating actions.	15/09/21		
Communications to students	All students advised of potential outbreak and mitigating actions.	15/09/21		
Communications to parents/ carers	Letter to parents/carers advised of potential outbreak and mitigating actions.	15/09/21		
Remote Education	Remote education provided to those pupils who need to self-isolate.	15/09/21		