

# Cam Woodfield Junior School Preventing and Managing Sickness including outbreaks Risk Procedures and Risk Assessment

#### **Progression of restrictions / Staged Response**

At CWJS we have 4 stages for when dealing with medical incidents / outbreaks. Yellow areas show current stage active.

| Response Stage  | Trigger  | Key Actions  | Who                        | Notes   |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|---|
| STAGE 1 – General<br>(everyday hygiene and<br>procedures) | None   | <ul> <li>General reminders for hygiene</li> <li>Effective handwashing facilities and soap available</li> <li>Follow usual absence periods for sickness</li> </ul>  |                            |   |
| STAGE 2 – Prevention                                      | <ul> <li>Where an increased risk is present</li> <li>Increased absence rates of pupils<br/>or staff</li> <li>Local increases in sickness e.g. flu,<br/>gastric, coronavirus</li> <li>Public health alerts</li> <li>Suspected cases of specific illness<br/>in school or within the community<br/>(eg.coronavirus / gastric)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Increase hygiene procedures</li> <li>Communication with key people including key information (staff, pupils and families, users of the site)</li> <li>Specific hygiene lessons in class and assemblies</li> <li>Increased enforced use of handwashing before eating of food</li> <li>Enforce 48hr after symptoms have stopped for all fever, sickness, diarrhoea etc.</li> <li>Consider the types of trips and events and make changes as necessary (e.g. those where lots of close contact / touch points)</li> <li>Review <i>Core Control Measures and make changes as necessary</i></li> <li>Daily review of the situation</li> <li>Check government guidelines for International outbreaks and follow advice</li> </ul> | SLT<br>Admin<br>Staff      | School<br>website will<br>have most<br>current<br>information.<br>Emails will be<br>sent to staff<br>and parents. |
| STAGE 3 – Mitigate/<br>Delay                              | <ul> <li>Where a significant risk is present</li> <li>direct case or increased likelihood<br/>of cases</li> <li>Public health advice for restrictions</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Consider reducing contact situations:</li> <li>Assemblies</li> <li>Carpet times</li> <li>School events/gatherings/parents' meetings</li> <li>Trips</li> <li>Consider:</li> <li>Any screening measures e.g. use of a thermometer in school.</li> <li>Increase time of isolation from school for those with symptoms (beyond 48hrs)</li> <li>Sending home any children with <u>any</u> symptoms</li> <li>Additional Cleaning including deeper cleans</li> </ul>   | SLT                        | School<br>Website & VLE<br>will upload<br>work for those<br>pupils who are<br>self-isolating.                     |
| STAGE 4 –<br>Containment                                  | Where specific and/or significantchanges or restrictions need to be inplace High levels of sickness- High rates of absence- Significance of danger of disease orillness  | <ul> <li>Part / full closures of site / classes</li> <li>Deep cleans</li> <li>Closure of lettings and building use</li> <li>Reduction or exclusion of visitors</li> </ul>  | HT / Chair of<br>Governors |   |

# Coronavirus Key Actions (as situation escalates)

| Specific Issue                               | Actions including messages   | Who                       | Notes  |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| Suspected case in school<br>(staff or pupil) | <ul> <li>Contact relevant agencies e.g. Public Health England</li> <li>Deep clean core areas</li> <li>Inform staff</li> <li>Core reminders of hygiene</li> </ul>   | SLT                       | For all scenarios,<br>government guidelines<br>will be followed. |
|  | <ul> <li>Contact parents – general information about sickness etc.</li> </ul>  |                           |  |
| Confirmed case in school                     | <ul> <li>Deep clean core areas</li> <li>Inform staff</li> <li>Core reminders of hygiene</li> <li>Contact parents – general information about sickness etc. and the key next steps e.g. closure of<br/>a class / school/ or carry on etc.</li> </ul>            | SLT; Site                 |  |
| Suspected case in a family                   | <ul> <li>Parents to ensure child washes hands before leaving the house.</li> <li>Child to wash hands immediately after coming into school</li> <li>Increase monitoring of pupils</li> </ul>  | Families; Staff;<br>Admin |  |
| Confirmed case in a family                   | <ul> <li>Children in the family to remain at home for a fixed period of time as directed by Public Health<br/>Authority</li> <li>Deep clean of the classroom and school</li> </ul>   | SLT<br>Site               |  |
| Teacher shortage                             | <ul> <li>Supply / Splitting classes / SLT Cover</li> <li>Where too many absent staff– partial closure for certain classes or part time / AM / PM classes</li> </ul>  | SLT                       |  |
| Support staff shortage                       | - Supply / Prioritise children needs / classes with remaining staff  | SLT                       |  |
| Protection for most vulnerable children      | <ul> <li>Identify who these children are e.g. underlying health conditions that may be affected by the current threat</li> <li>Discuss with parents the initial steps and agree key actions re. isolation/seclusion</li> </ul>                                 | SEND Team; SLT            |  |
| Staff with health issues<br>(e.g. Heart)     | <ul> <li>Ask them to contact their consultants to seek advice on their condition</li> <li>Consider working from home</li> </ul>  | SLT<br>Staff              |  |
| Staff with symptoms                          | <ul> <li>Stay at home; follow NHS 111 advice; discuss with HT</li> </ul>   | НТ                        |  |
| Pregnant staff                               | <ul> <li>Ask them to contact their midwife to seek advice;</li> <li>Consider working from home</li> </ul>  | SLT                       |  |
| Kitchen shut down                            | - Parents to provide packed lunches  | SLT; Families             |  |
| Site team shortage                           | - Discuss with a cleaning contractor cover arrangements in good time   | Site                      |  |
| Leadership shortage                          | - Access via phone   | SLT; Staff                |  |
| Admin shortage                               | <ul> <li>Cover with TAs / SLT</li> <li>Inform parents not to phone/email or visit front desk unless emergency</li> </ul>   | Site                      |  |
| Other school users                           | - Inform of control measures, including the possibility that a suspension or usage may occur.  | Site                      |  |
| Long period shut down                        | <ul> <li>Continue learning activities through using VLE via the school's website.</li> <li>Children to take books home with them and will be directed to which units to do</li> <li>Possible use of technology to deliver assemblies / stories etc.</li> </ul> | SLT; Staff                |  |

#### **Core Control Measures**

| Control Measure  | Control Stage  | Notes / Action   | Who                            | Review                 |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Tissues for Each Class   | 1  | <ul> <li>Ensure adequate stock levels of tissues for each class / office</li> <li>Replenish as needed</li> <li>Staff to also self-replenish from stock</li> </ul>  | Site; Staff                    |                        |
| Alcohol based gel  | 1  | <ul> <li>Additional dispensers in each class</li> <li>Ensure dispensers are full from the start of each day</li> <li>All children to use this (or have washed hands) before lunch daily</li> <li>Ensure adequate stock levels</li> </ul>   | Site; Staff;<br>Lunch<br>Staff |                        |
| Increase hand washing facilities   | 1  | <ul> <li>Ensure soap and disposable towels are available in each<br/>classroom</li> <li>Ensure separate bagged bin for waste</li> </ul>  | Site                           |                        |
| Other users of the building  | 2, 3   | <ul> <li>Contact every user and inform them of usage expectations:</li> <li>Clean hands or use gel before using facilities</li> <li>Restrictions or suspensions of usage</li> </ul>  | Site                           |                        |
| Monitoring daily any child or staff absence  | 2  | <ul> <li>Daily report to the HT or number of absences and symptoms</li> <li>Weekly summary data for each class to HT</li> </ul>  | Admin; HT                      |                        |
| Finding out about travel<br>arrangements now and in<br>the future of staff and<br>pupils | 3 (where<br>specific threats<br>are evident<br>abroad) | <ul> <li>Communication: <ul> <li>Ask parents to inform us of any close family members who have returned from abroad within the last month</li> <li>Staff members to inform SLT of any travel arrangements to high-risk areas including those of any close friends or family they have been in contact with.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Admin; HT                      | Please<br>inform<br>us |

| Control Measure                       | Control Stage | Notes / Action  | Who             | Review   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Reducing contact point activities     | 2             | <ul> <li>Ensuring extremely high hygiene for any <ul> <li>Food making / tasting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Avoid any activity where you are passing items around a class <ul> <li>Circle time objects</li> <li>Artefact sharing</li> <li>Touching activities – PE / Gymnastics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other <ul> <li>Cease hand shaking of children and visitors</li> <li>Cease and use of shared cups in class (e.g. using cups for water); replace with disposable cups; inform parents to ensure children have water bottles in school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Staff           | Actioned   |
| Good Personal Hygiene                 | 2             | <ul> <li>Communication: <ul> <li>Inform parents of hygiene expectations and to discuss with children;</li> <li>All children to wash their hands before coming to school, before going home and when they get home.</li> <li>Classes to teach children hand washing techniques</li> <li>Children to wash hands before snack (classroom) and before eating dinner (classrooms/ hall corridor toilets / hand sanitiser)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Information: <ul> <li>Distribute key information posters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                 | HT; Staff       | Actioned   |
| Review of cleaning                    | 2, 3          | <ul> <li>Meet cleaner to review cleaning arrangement and make any necessary changes</li> <li>Increase focus cleaning on touch points and tables (redirect from vacuuming etc. if needed) or increase hours</li> <li>Daily cleaning of classrooms (already in place)</li> <li>Preparations for deep cleans if necessary</li> </ul>   | Site;           | Extra<br>cleaning<br>& deep<br>cleans<br>already<br>in place |
| Additional touch point cleaning daily | 2, 3          | - Handles and rails to be cleaned at mid points during the day  | Site            | Actioned   |
| School visitors and site users        | 2, 3          | <ul> <li>Compulsory handwashing / use of gel before entering school;</li> <li>Inform them of new requirements and risk of suspension of use</li> <li>Informing us of any suspected or confirmed cases by any users</li> </ul>   | Office;<br>Site | Actioned   |

| Control Measure  | Control Stage | Notes / Action  | Who              | Review |
|--|---------------|---|------------------|--------|
| Absence policy   | 2,3           | <ul> <li>Review time period of absence for ill children or staff and<br/>increase if necessary but at least to the minimum standard (e.g.<br/>48 hrs clear of sickness / diarrhoea</li> </ul> | SLT              |        |
| Support for families<br>affected   | 2, 3          | <ul> <li>Communicate to parents and staff to contact school if they require support;</li> <li>Regular contact with affected families and staff – wellbeing checks.</li> </ul>                 | SLT;<br>Kitchens |        |
| Taking temperature of<br>anyone in school who<br>may begin to feel<br>unwell | 2, 3          | - Purchase hand held non-contact thermometer.   | SLT              |        |



# Cam Woodfield Junior School - Preventing and Managing Sickness Information for staff, visitors and building users STAGE 2 - PREVENTION

We currently have increased precautions in place to ensure the effective prevention of the spread of illness. All users of the building are asked to follow the following guidance:

#### Do

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



### Don't

# X do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you think you might have coronavirus, have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus in the last 14 days or you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus ring NHS 111. Visit <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</u> for further details.



# Cam Woodfield Junior School - Preventing and Managing Sickness Information for staff, visitors and building users STAGE 3 - MITIGATE/ DELAY

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#### Do

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- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



#### Don't

X do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

X enter the school if you are feeling unwell or have been in close contact with any person who is unwell (staff should contact the head teacher to discuss).

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# *Continuation of learning* Plan if school remains closed for a prolonged period

- Staff to communicate to pupils using the VLE via the school's website.
- Children to have at least 1 maths and 1 English activity **per day** (based on current topics if possible)
- Staff to set an additional project / longer task where appropriate
- Other core learning to complete:
  - Any online learning available e.g. Timestable Rockstars
     Any outstanding activities from their homework
  - Daily Reading
- Children to submit work, where appropriate, via the VLE.
- School based message to parents explaining the above and the expectations from parents to support this.



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# Information for lettings users

## **STAGE 2 - PREVENTION**

Dear School user,

In order to ensure we do what we can to reduce the risk of illness in school we have a clear strategy plan in place.

Part of this strategy includes, where there is an increased risk of illness, implementing additional cleaning, hygiene expectations and certain restrictions.

At the moment we have increased our level of response to stage 2 – PREVENTION. This is to ensure we do what we can to prevent/ reduce the chance of illness developing or the further spread of illness.

At this stage, you are able to continue to use the school facilities, but we ask that you ensure that all those using the building as part of your company comply with the following:

- Wash your hands as you enter the building or use the hand sanitisers
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid unnecessary contact (no shaking hands)
- Avoid touching your face including mouth, nose and eyes
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (not your hands)
- Put any used tissues in the bin and then wash your hands

We have included a poster which you may wish to circulate to your users.

We also ask you to inform us if any of your users are confirmed to have the coronavirus; this will help us to develop our response and ensure deep cleaning takes place.

If we need to take further precautions and move to stage 3 - MITIGATE/ DELAY, we will be in touch again; at this stage we need you to know that we may need to reduce or cease your ability to use the facilities for a period of time.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Carolyn Ash or Helen Morris PHONE: 01453 542706