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Additional COVID-19 protocols

These additional protocols have been formed in addition to guidance, rules and recommendations from central government, Public Health England, the London Covid Response Cell and Public Health Barnet. They have been formed with the best interests, health and welfare of pupils and staff in mind.

While they are not mandatory in law, the school is exercising its right to enforce these protocols, as per its statutory responsibilities regarding the welfare of its pupils and staff and form part of the school's ongoing COVID-19 risk assessment.

These protocols have been reviewed with members of the governing body and with the Local Authority. As circumstances change during the school year regarding COVID-19, protocols may be changed, reduced or further protocols added.

Outbreak threshold

At the point that the threshold criteria for a COVID-19 outbreak are met, additional control measures will be applied in the school, with the guidance of the DfE, PHE, LCRC and Barnet Public Health. The outbreak threshold is if more than 10% or 5 people of a class (including pupils and staff) test positive within 10 days of each other.

Note: the 10% / 5 pupils rule also applies where children have mixed closely together at other times during the school day. In the event of children having to isolate, they will be provided with a remote education program, as per the school's 'COVID-19 Contingency Plan' (Autumn 2021 version).

Additional control measures may include and depending on circumstances:

- PCR testing – primarily for other children in the class that has met threshold for extra action. Note: Whole class testing in the event of a positive case will take place on the advice of NHS Track and Trace and/or Public Health England.
- Extra testing – also applies to any siblings in the school, to children where a member of their household has tested positive or children in the same rota as a positive case;
- Children taking a PCR test only return to school when a 'negative' result has been provided;
- Increasing ventilation further;
- Holding classes outside where possible;
- Assemblies held outside where possible;
- Wearing of masks by staff in public areas of the school. This includes corridors, offices, staffrooms and workrooms;
- Restriction of parents in school;
- Restriction of visitors to the school;
- Restriction of educational visits;
- Enhanced cleaning.

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Children travelling abroad

- **Red** list countries – Quarantine for the whole family in a managed hotel is the law.
- **Amber** list countries – although not required by law, Reception pupils under the age of 5 will be required to take a PCR test after their arrival back in the UK and before returning to school. Children aged 5-11 are required to take a PCR test after their arrival back in the UK and before returning to school. A second PCR test is required on Day 8 after their return but so long as the child is well, he can continue to attend school while awaiting the result of that test.
- **Green** list countries – Children aged 5-11 are required to take a PCR test after their arrival back in the UK and before returning to school.

Ultimately it is for each individual school to decide what is needed to keep its pupils, staff and community safe, albeit with the advice and support of agencies previously mentioned in this document. This responsibility is also reflected in the school's COVID-19 risk assessment, outbreak management plan and outbreak contingency plan. With the support of our staff and parent body for these protocols, our aim it to minimise disruption to school life as much as possible.

Rabbi J Sager

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