



Deanshanger Primary School  
Preventing and Managing Sickness including outbreaks  
Risk Procedures and Risk Assessment  
Progression of restrictions / Staged Response

*At Deanshanger, we have 4 stages for when dealing with medical incidents / outbreaks.*

*Our actions will follow this document but may need to be amended so that information from Gov.UK is always prioritised.*

Response Stage	Trigger	Key Actions	Who	Notes
STAGE 1 – General (everyday hygiene and procedures)	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General reminders for hygiene</li> <li>- Effective handwashing facilities and soap available</li> <li>- Follow usual absence periods for sickness</li> </ul>	All Staff	
STAGE 2 – Prevention	<p>Where an increased risk is present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased absence rates of pupils or staff</li> <li>- Local increases in sickness e.g. flu, gastric, coronavirus</li> <li>- Public health alerts</li> <li>- Suspected cases of specific illness in school or within the community (eg. coronavirus / gastric)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase hygiene procedure</li> <li>- Communication with key people including key information (staff, pupils and families, users of the site)</li> <li>- Specific hygiene updates in class and in 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 Core Control Measures and make changes as necessary</li> <li>- Daily review of the situation</li> <li>- Updates for parents advising of the above and support with procedures like the 48 after symptoms</li> </ul>	All Staff	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure communication links with parents are established and working</li> <li>- Updates for governors advising of the above</li> <li>- Investigation of teaching resources should the school have to close. For example, Tapestry, Purple Mash, Testbase resources.</li> </ul>		
STAGE 3 – Mitigate/ Delay	<p><u>Where a significant risk is present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- direct case or increased likelihood of cases</li> <li>- Public health advice for restrictions</li> </ul>	<p>Consider reducing contact situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assemblies, especially Friday celebration assemblies – to move in class</li> <li>- Carpet time</li> <li>- School events with large groups in restricted locations</li> <li>- Trips</li> <li>- Changing lunch time arrangements</li> <li>- Cancellation of large group social gatherings outside normal school hours. For example, PTA events, school disco, parent meetings...</li> <li>- All information sent out via email/ video links.</li> </ul> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any screening measures e.g. use of a thermometer in school</li> <li>- Increase time of exclusion 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> <li>- Updates for parents advising of the above and support with procedures like the 48 after symptoms</li> <li>- Ensure communication links with parents are established and working</li> <li>- Updates for governors advising of the above</li> <li>- Investigation of teaching resources should the school have to close. For example, Tapestry, Purple Mash, Testbase resources.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	HT & all staff	



STAGE 4 – Containment	<u>Where specific and/or significant changes or restrictions need to be in place.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High levels of sickness</li> <li>- High rates of absence</li> <li>- Significance of danger of disease or illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>- Ensuring virtual school/learning resources are available for children</li> <li>- Ensuring that all children have login details for home learning resources – Times Table Rockstars, Tapestry...</li> </ul>	HT Chair, Governor H&S Committee	
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Coronavirus Key Actions (as situation escalates)

Specific Issue	Actions including messages	Who	Notes
Suspected case in school (staff or pupil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact relevant agencies e.g. LA / Public Health England</li> <li>- Deep clean core areas</li> <li>- Inform staff</li> <li>- Core reminders of hygiene</li> <li>- Contact parents – general information about sickness etc.</li> </ul>	HT, SLT, CoG and Business Manager (BM)	
Confirmed case in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 a class / school/ or carry on etc.</li> <li>- Advise on learning resources to support children</li> </ul>	HT, BM and all staff	
Suspected case in a family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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;	
Confirmed case in a family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children in the family to remain at home for a fixed period of time</li> <li>- Deep clean of the classroom and school</li> </ul>	HT	
Teacher shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supply / Splitting classes / HT cover</li> <li>- Where too many – partial closure for certain classes or part time / AM / PM classes</li> <li>- Advise on learning resources to support children</li> </ul>	HT and SLT	



Support staff shortage	- Supply / Prioritise most needy children / classes with remaining staff	HT	
Protection for most vulnerable children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify who these children are vulnerable 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>	SENCo/CTs	
Staff with health issues (e.g. Heart)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask them to contact their consultants to seek advice on their condition</li> <li>- Consider working from home</li> </ul>	Staff	
Staff with symptoms	- Stay at home; follow NHS III advice; discuss with HT	HT	
Pregnant staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask them to contact their midwife to seek advice;</li> <li>- Consider working from home</li> </ul>	HT	
Kitchen shut down	- Parents to provide packed lunches	Families & staff	
Site team shortage	- Discuss with cleaning contractor cover arrangements in good time	BM	
Leadership shortage	- Access via phone	Staff	
Admin shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cover with LSAs</li> <li>- Inform parents not to phone unless emergency</li> </ul>		
Other school users	- Inform of control measures, including the possibility that a suspension or usage may occur.	HT	
Long period shut down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue learning activities through uploads on the website and email and Facebook</li> <li>- Children to access Times tables Rock Stars, Accelerated Reading, Reading Eggs online plus other free sites such as Twinkl, Testbase and Simple that offer free access for parents at this time</li> <li>- Children to take extra reading books home. Y6 to take all SATS books home. SATS revision tasks to be shared via Tapestry, Testbase, Purple Mash and other online resources.</li> <li>- Pupils asked to complete a project</li> <li>- Possible use of technology - Skype to deliver assemblies / stories etc.</li> </ul>	HT and Staff	



Core Control Measures

Control Measure	Control Stage	Notes / Action	Who	Review
Tissues for Each Class	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	All staff	
Soap Dispensers	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	SD	
Other users of the building	2, 3	Contact every user and inform them of usage expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean hands or use gel before using facilities</li> <li>- Restrictions or suspensions of usage</li> </ul>	Office Staff	
Monitoring daily any child or staff absence	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Daily report to the HT of number of absences and symptoms</li> </ul>	HT	
Finding out about travel arrangements now and in the future of staff and pupils	3 (where specific threats are evident aboard)	Newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask parents to inform us of any close family member who has returned from abroad within the last month</li> <li>- Staff members (including supply teachers) to inform HT of any travel arrangements to high-risk areas including those of any close friends or family they have been in contact with.</li> </ul>	HT	
Reducing contact point activities	2	Ensuring extremely high hygiene for any <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food making / tasting</li> </ul> Avoid any activity where you are passing items around a class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circle time objects</li> <li>- Artefact sharing</li> <li>- Touching activities - PE / Gymnastics</li> </ul> Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cease hand shaking of children and visitors</li> </ul>	Staff	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cease 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>		
Good Personal Hygiene	2	<p>Newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute key information posters</li> </ul>	HT Staff	
Review of cleaning	2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with cleaning contractors 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 (cost?)</li> <li>Daily cleaning of classrooms (already in place)</li> <li>Preparations for deep cleans if necessary</li> <li>Cleaning tables/classrooms after lunchtime use</li> </ul>	BM & Cleaning Contractor	
Additional touch point cleaning daily	2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handles and rails to be cleaned at mid points during the day</li> </ul>	BM & Cleaning Contractor	
School visitors and site users	2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	HT Office Staff	
Absence policy	2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review time period of absence for ill children or staff and increase if necessary but at least to the minimum standard (e.g. 48 hrs clear of sickness / diarrhoea)</li> </ul>	HT	



Control Measure	Control Stage	Notes / Action	Who	Review
Support for families affected	2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	HT & Staff	



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Information for staff, visitors  
and building users

### STAGE 2 - PREVENTION

We currently have increased precautions in place to ensure effective the 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 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> for further details.



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### 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

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ✗ 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 closure for a prolonged period

- Staff to communicate to pupils/parents via website class pages and email
- Children to have 1 x Maths and 1 x English activity **per day** (based on current topics if possible)
- Children to be given extra reading books to take home
- Y6 children to take home all their SATS papers/books. Home learning tasks to be set via Testbase sharing option.
- Staff to set an additional project / longer task where appropriate
- Other core learning to complete:
  - o Any online learning available e.g. Tapestry Home Learning Activities, TT Rockstars, Accelerated Reading , Reading Eggs, Testbase, Purple Mash, Classroom Secrets etc
  - o Daily Reading
- School based message to parents explaining the above and the expectations from parents to support this
- Headteacher and teacher updates to families throughout the prolonged closure.



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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 me [head@deanshanger.northants.sch.uk](mailto:head@deanshanger.northants.sch.uk) or office team on 01908 268920

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