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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## **Re. Be Ready for School: Local Outbreaks**

This is the sixth letter in a series focusing on being ready for the start of term in September.

This letter is about what action the school is likely to take in the event of a local outbreak of Covid-19.

On 28th August 2020, the government updated [guidance](#) on what should happen at a national and local level to prevent, contain and manage outbreaks of the Covid virus.

In the event of a local outbreak of Covid-19, the school would need to respond to any instructions relating to the containment of the outbreak at a national and local level.

Annex 3 of the guidance (below) sets out the tiers of national restriction for education and childcare settings which will reflect the severity of the local outbreak. In summary:

- Tier 1 (least severe) – school continues under current guidance with a greater emphasis on wearing face coverings in communal areas such as corridors;
- Tier 2 – school adopts a ‘rota model’ where pupils access a mix of on-site and remote learning to reduce the number of pupils attending on any given day. Vulnerable pupils and children of key workers would still be able to access full time on-site provision;
- Tier 3 – full-time on-site provision for vulnerable pupils, children of key workers and identified year groups only. Remaining pupils access remote learning;
- Tier 4 (most severe) - full-time on-site provision for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers only. Remaining pupils access remote learning.

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### Tier 1

The default position for areas in national government intervention is that education and childcare settings will remain open. An area moving into national intervention with restrictions short of education and childcare closure is described as ‘tier 1’. There are no changes to childcare, and the only difference in education settings is that where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

All nurseries, childminders, schools, colleges and other educational establishments should remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place.

### Tier 2

Early years settings, primary schools and alternative provision (AP) providers, special schools and other specialist settings will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site. Secondary schools move to a rota model, combining on-site provision with remote education. They continue to allow full-time attendance on site to



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vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers. All other pupils should not attend on site except for their rota time. Further education (FE) providers should adopt similar principles with discretion to decide on a model that limits numbers on site but works for each individual setting.

In all areas of national government intervention, education settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

### Tier 3

Childcare, nurseries, primary schools, AP, special schools and other specialist settings will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site. Secondary schools, FE colleges and other educational establishments would allow full-time on-site provision only to vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and selected year groups (to be identified by Department for Education). Other pupils should not attend on site. Remote education to be provided for all other pupils.

In all areas of national government intervention, education settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

### Tier 4

All nurseries, childminders, mainstream schools, colleges and other educational establishments allow full-time attendance on site only to our priority groups: vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other pupils should not attend on site. AP, special schools and other specialist settings will allow for full-time on-site attendance of all pupils. Remote education to be provided for all other pupils.

In all areas of national government intervention, education settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

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We all hope, of course, that we will not be required to adopt any of these precautionary measures but please be assured that the school is ready to respond should the need arise.

Yours faithfully

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**Headteacher**