

## **Farlingaye High School Outbreak Management Protocol for Reopening September 2021**

In line with Government guidance, Farlingaye High School will implement an Outbreak Management Protocol (OMP) where levels of local/school cases of Coronavirus indicate that this is necessary, and where the local health protection team have advised the school to do so. In implementing measures, the school will note the Government's guidance that these measures should be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of schools or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible. All measures introduced will be temporary and subject to regular review. The school will note the key elements of the Department for Education's [Contingency Framework](#) document, published in August 2021, which includes guidance on the thresholds for additional action by schools.

The local health protection team can be reached by calling the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.

### **Step 1 of the OMP**

Leadership Team will meet to rewrite the Risk Assessment for Reopening to include additional measures. The nature of the alterations to the Risk Assessment will depend on the extent and severity of the outbreak, and decisions relating to the alterations will take into account any advice from the local health protection team. Considerations for alterations will focus on the following:

- Will any identified groups of students be asked to isolate at home, or to undergo additional testing in school?
- Which students, if any, within the affected groups have been vaccinated, and when?
- Will students/staff be asked to use face coverings? If so, will this apply throughout the school or to communal areas only?
- Will measures to create 'bubbles' be introduced, and – if so – how?
- Will measures to encourage social distancing be introduced, and – if so – how?

### **Step 2 of the OMP**

Head/Deputies will communicate with the Trust CEO, Trustees, Governors, staff and families to alert them to the outbreak and to any changes in the operation of the school. They will attach the revised version of the school's Risk Assessment for Reopening. They will also publish this revised version on the school website.

### **Step 3 of the OMP**

The Leadership Team will carry out weekly reviews of the development of the local/school situation and the operation of the school under the revised Risk Assessment for Reopening. Measures will be removed when possible.