

Guidance for maintaining school opening through Covid 19

Rationale

Schools have been directed to create a plan of action to support children's learning in the event of a local or national closure of schools. A 4 tier plan has been produced nationally which outlines steps the government will take to manage school closures should they be necessary to contain the spread of Covid-19. In all four tiers of the plan it states very clearly that 'special schools remain open to all children' which would apply to Broadmeadow.

However, in light of strict testing requirements and a potential spread of the infection to staff resulting in self-isolation periods we need to plan for keeping school adequately staffed and children safe which might lead to partial or even full closure of the school periodically. Additionally should a positive case of Covid be detected in school Public Health may direct leaders to close all or parts of the school.

Situation	Action to be taken	Children	Learning at home
A positive corona case is detected in a member of staff or a child following testing	Report to Public Health who will advise. In this instance it is likely that the relevant bubble would temporarily close.	Both staff and children would self-isolate at home for 14 days (or 10 days for anyone testing positive)	Regular contact is kept with parents. Parents are able to contact the Home School Liaison Officer on 07564044248 Children not in school but well enough to learn will be provided with home learning activities appropriate to them and linked to their EHCP. Parents will feedback to staff on success rates as we understand not all children will engage in it. Some activities may be online, individual classes may signpost parents to additional resources. SALT can offer Telehealth sessions to provide guidance to parents.
One class or bubble is not adequately staffed	It is acceptable to move staff around bubbles, this will be done	Remain in school, all bubbles remain open with adequate	The usual service will run

	as carefully as possible, hygiene measures in place	but possibly different staff members	
Significant numbers of children are absent and most staff are in school	School remains open, some staff work from home to reduce numbers of people in school	Those who are well come to school, maintaining bubbles.	Regular contact is kept with parents. Parents are able to contact the Home School Liaison Officer on 07564044248 Children not in school but well enough to learn will be provided with home learning activities appropriate to them and linked to their EHCP. Parents will feedback to staff on success rates as we understand not all children will engage in it. Some activities may be online, individual classes may signpost parents to additional resources. SALT can offer Telehealth sessions to provide guidance to parents.
Significant numbers of staff are absent and also significant numbers of children	SLT to review and re-organise groups to maintain staffing ratios. Bubbles are maintained as well as possible.	Those who are well come to school, maintaining bubbles where possible.	Regular contact is kept with parents. Children not in school but well enough to learn will be provided with home learning activities appropriate to them and linked to their EHCP. Parents will feedback to staff on success rates as we understand not all children will engage in it. Some activities may be online, individual classes may signpost parents to additional resources. This may be a reduced service if many staff are too sick to work. SALT can offer Telehealth sessions to provide guidance to parents.
Significant numbers of staff are absent but most children are in school	SLT to review and re-organise groups to keep children safe by reducing numbers of children in school by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Putting a rota system in place for part time attendance with most vulnerable or children of 	School is attended by children on specific days following a rota. Bubbles are maintained	Usual service to run where possible

	<p>keyworkers having priority places</p> <p>b. Closing bubbles on a rota giving priority to most vulnerable or keyworking children</p> <p>c. If there are not enough staff to run this system safely school with close for a short period</p>		
<p>School leadership team is unable to attend school due to illness/ self-isolating, including DSLs</p>	<p>a. Teacher to be named as in charge on site. A rota to be in place so this responsibility is shared</p> <p>b. Telephone support to be offered by any well members of SLT</p> <p>c. Support to be given by CLPT to ensure that school can remain open</p>	<p>Where ratios are safe children to remain in school. If there is an issue with staff: pupil ratios guidance above to be followed</p>	<p>Usual service to run where possible</p>