

Parents & Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding management of COVID within Enfield's school community. Your support is extremely important in enabling as many pupils as possible to remain in school. Since the start of January COVID rates have thankfully been decreasing, however, rates remain high among young people. This is proving a significant challenge to schools impacting on staff capacity and pupil attendance. Enfield Council is working closely with schools to support them in all aspects of COVID management. Whilst every school setting is different in terms of space, staff capacity and such like, schools will be supported to take a range of the following measures (in line with government guidance) in the event of a significant COVID outbreak.

In the event of an outbreak the following temporary measures will be considered in both primary and secondary:

- Parents will be asked to increase the frequency of their child's testing from twice weekly to daily.

(Free tests are available at pharmacies or order home at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>)

- Limiting the mixing of classes e.g., during lessons, breaks, wrap around care.
- Temporarily moving to remote learning as a very last resort (this will include for children of key workers as the purpose of this will be to break the chain of transmission).

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Additional secondary measures will include:

- Reinstating of mask wearing for pupils (depending on whether this is already required at the time in government guidelines).

Similar but bespoke measures will be introduced in special schools if a significant outbreak occurs.

Schools will cease additional measures at the earliest opportunity once case rates within the setting show improvement.

I would also like to remind parents to consent for the vaccination of their healthy over 12s or younger children with underlying conditions.

Over 12s are being offered vaccination at school and are able to use the national booking service <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> .

Younger children with underlying conditions will be contacted by their GP.

Once again, we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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