






Jewellery Quarter Academy

Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan and Risk Assessment – updated 1st April 2022

When should my child miss school due to Covid-19? 	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students MUST attend school unless they are ill. • Students do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household has Covid.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your son / daughter develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test. • If your son / daughter develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test immediately. • If your son / daughter tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. They can return after 3 days from the date of their test.

This has been updated to reflect the published [‘Living With Covid’ guidance](#)

Community Covid Risk	‘Best-fit’ descriptors	Control measures (to be in place for classes/cohorts or across the whole Academy as determined)
Level 1 - Low Low community transmission rates. No active Academy cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no confirmed cases of Covid within the Academy for 10 school days. • Cases of Covid locally are low/stable or falling in 6 catchment wards on average. • Hospitalisation/ deaths due to Covid nationally are on a distinct downward trajectory. 	No Covid measures are necessary beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding and promoting of good hand-hygiene. • Ventilation of corridors increased by site team with windows opened each morning. • Encouraging distancing, where possible. • Reminding Students / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms. Adults should remain at home for 5 days and children for 3 days.
Level 2 - Moderate Rising community transmission or emerging national situation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid cases are recorded in the Academy within the last 10 days • Cases of Covid are rising in the community according to local data (400+ per 100,00 people across 6 catchment wards) • Gov / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	As well as the above, additional measures might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms with windows opened each morning by staff. • On-site testing after a school holiday before returning to classrooms (if required by national government) • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection, working with Operations Manager (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

<p>Level 3 - Substantial</p> <p>Covid-19 is posing a substantial threat locally/nationally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial increase in covid-19 cases reported in the Academy or across a single year group across 7 day period • Cases of Covid are rising in the community according to local data (800+ per 100,00 people across 6 catchment wards) • Gov / Public Health England issue new restrictions due to increased pressure on NHS 	<p>As well as the above, additional measures might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large indoor public events cancelled/virtual and visitors to the Academy reduced. • Face-masks re-introduced for communal spaces for students and staff. • Staff-room capacity is reduced to encourage more distancing. • In-person assemblies are replaced with virtual assemblies for distancing. • Team meetings are virtual with 1 to 1 meetings taking place at clear social distance and in face coverings.
<p>Level 4 – Severe</p> <p>Covid-19 is a significant threat to the daily operational running of the Academy as there is clear evidence of a severe outbreak locally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ‘slowing down’ of covid cases over 10 day period, affecting student and staff attendance. • Local data reviewed has cases over 800 per 100,000 on average over 6 catchment wards and this is rising rapidly • Gov / Public Health England issue new restrictions due to increased pressure on NHS 	<p>As well as the above, additional measures might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging staff and students to do regular testing at home • Face-masks re-introduced in classrooms for students and staff. • Enhanced cleaning at the Academy.
<p>Level 5 - Critical</p> <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly in the Academy despite additional Level 4 measures.</p> <p><u>AND/OR</u></p> <p>Significant staff shortages due to Covid limit usual operational capacity of the Academy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the Academy continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes/cohorts and/or staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the Academy and is a critical threat to health and to the operational running of the Academy and contingency measures must be considered. • Gov / Public Health England issue new restrictions due to increased pressure on NHS 	<p>As well as the above, additional contingency measures might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing class bubbles and staff travelling to lessons. • Combining classes for teaching in the larger spaces at the Academy. • Re-introducing a ‘contingency situation’ of remote learning for classes/cohorts (temporarily).

The Academy’s Viral Incident Planning and Emergency Response group (VIPER) reviews the levels on a regular basis and will inform all stakeholders of any changes/additional measures should these be needed via staff briefings, email, the website, text, social media and app alerts.