



Gusford Primary School

Infection Outbreak

Management Plan

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the

[Guidance for the public health management of scarlet fever in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings](#)

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by Active Learning Trust (ALT), local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government. However, we have a responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission of scarlet fever once aware of cases within our school.

Scarlet fever symptoms from the Uk Health Security Agency:

[Scarlet Fever and Intrusive Strep A](#)

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a sickness outbreak within the school
- To help manage a suspected scarlet fever outbreak within school

- If scarlet fever infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission

2. Isolation period

Guidance is that 24 hours after commencing antibiotics pupils / staff may return to school. If infected and antibiotics are not sought, infection can be transmitted for a further 3 weeks.

3. Other measures

If levels reach a level of concern, as indicated by Public Health England, we will limit:

Open days

Transition or taster days

Parents coming into school

Whole school assemblies

Staff meetings

Mixing of children

Live performances

Hygiene is essential in the reduction of spreading Scarlet Fever:

Hand washing remains the most important step in preventing such infections. Good hand hygiene should be enforced for all pupils and staff and a programme will be put into place that encourages children to wash their hands at the start of the school day, after using the toilet, after play, before and after eating, and at the end of the school day. It is important that hands are washed correctly.

Cleaning measures:

Site staff will be directed to touch points such as door handles, surface levels, toilet flush handles and basins regularly throughout the day.

4. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

4.1 Eligibility to remain in school

As a last resort there may be requirements to restrict attendance at school for pupils for a short period.

In the first instance attendance will be restricted to most infected year groups.

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open only for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

4.2 Wraparound care

We may need to limit access to breakfast club and after-school activities, except for those that need it most.

4.3 Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects any further restrictions and further guidance.