

## **Waterside Primary Academy**

## Preventing & Managing Sickness including Outbreaks Risk Procedures & Risk Assessment

Response Stage	Trigger	Key Actions	Who
Stage 1	None.	<ul> <li>General reminder for hygiene.</li> <li>Effective handwashing facilities and soap available.</li> <li>Follow usual absence periods for sickness.</li> </ul>	All Stakeholders
Stage 2	Where an increased risk is present:  Increased absence rates of pupils and/or staff.  Local increases in sickness e.g. Flu, gastric, virus.  Public Health England alerts.  Suspected cases of specific illness in school or within the community.	<ul> <li>Increase hygiene procedures (including discussions and demonstrations in class).</li> <li>Communication with key people including key information (staff, pupils and families, users of site).</li> <li>Specific hygiene lessons in class.</li> <li>Additional cleaning of contact areas (e.g. door handles)</li> <li>Increased enforced used of handwashing (including anti-bacterial wash/gel) before eating of food.</li> <li>Enforce 48 hour extended absence after sickness symptoms have stopped all fever, sickness, diarrhoea etc.)</li> <li>Consider the types of trips and events and make changes if necessary.</li> <li>Daily review of situation, considering professional support and advice.</li> </ul>	Senior Leadership Team Admin Staff
Stage 3	Where a significant risk is present:  - Direct case or increased likelihood of cases  - Public Health advice for restrictions	Reduction of contact situations:  - Assemblies  - Carpet time  - School events  - Trips  - General visitors/contractors/meetings  Consider:  - Any screening measures e.g. thermometers in school.  - Increase time of self-isolation from school with those with symptoms or those who are most vulnerable.  - Sending home children with any symptoms.  - Additional cleaning, including deep cleans.	Senior Leadership Team
Stage 4	Where specific and/or significant changes or restrictions need to be in place:  - High levels of sickness - High rates of absence - Significance of danger of disease or illness - Instruction from Public Health England	- Part or full closure of the school / classes Deep cleans - Closure of lettings and building use - No visitors or external contractors	Headteacher & Chair of Governors

