

**East London Science School – Health and Safety Committee minutes**

**Date – 06-08-20, 3.00pm-4.00pm**

**Meeting attended by** – David Perks (DP); Mark Taylor (MT); Paul Cornish (PC); Davie Joseph (DJ); Lucy Wheatley (LW); Sam Anderson (SA); Matthew Martin (MM); **Apologies** – ZC

**Minutes to be completed and communicated to staff by - 10-08-20**

Agenda item	Discussion points	Agreed actions, who by and date
<p><b>National and local data on COVID situation</b></p>	<p>PC – new govt mapping tool is available – most recent incidents show only 3 cases in Blackwall but nothing else close to school (NB: it is 1 week out of date). The tool looks at clusters and locates. DP states we must be careful and stats can be used diff ways – the ones we have always used now on weekly update – Barts Trust 31-july show only 9 in patients with no new cases and only 1 in ICU. Hospitalized cases we are nearly at end. Incubation period nominally is two weeks and this has not increased – London region virtually no deaths at present – risk at present is v low.</p> <p>PC – latest incidents in Newham and TH (at 700000 popn) = 1 in 100000 chance to have disease at all.</p> <p>Meeting attendees were asked for challenges to this data – none received.</p> <p>Meeting noted the shift to small clusters in particular cases – recently there was one for Jewish population in north London; Leicester outbreak has eased and been rescinded too. So there is a v different situation now than April.</p>	<p>As with previous meeting, Principal directed by committee to ensure he continues monitoring the situation nationally and locally</p> <p>The possibility of controlling further outbreak is the key for the school - DP to continue to review.</p>
<p><b>Cleaning and sanitising</b></p>	<p>Existing measures remain in place and reviewed weekly – no current problems with year 10 pupils who have returned for lessons this week</p>	<p>Monitoring to continue</p>
<p><b>Pupil social distancing in school</b></p>	<p>Some of our intentions at present are tricky for September – sport and enrichment in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Because of need to transport children around – and TFL are not doing this at present</li> <li>- We do not yet know if we can get the reduced fare offers at present but we will negotiate with TFL to assess this.</li> <li>- Competitions – we are limiting activities to ensure we meet Covid expectations</li> </ul> <p>General points on school: Teaching – (DP) - Social distancing measures are likely to vary once teaching starts; one aspect is to limit teacher crossover across key stages; we want to concentrate teachers in one place if possible – but no absolute guarantee this is possible. Full class teaching is the current assumption – this is dense but we must then focus on operating from the front , facing forwards etc. Govt. guidance is teacher at front majority of time.</p> <p>Practicals - More problematic elements are about practical work Sep to Jan and this is teacher demo led; another issue is prep in afternoon for year 7/8 – this will likely be done at home so removed as a social distance issue and homework done through teams.</p> <p>Other issues - No assemblies as too difficult though can be done through forms; Open evening and morning will be difficult as well as parent evening – but we are going live so intend to run these as normally as possible with well managed entry/exit and social distancing. Booking things in for parents evening in advance will work better and main school running will minimise contact with kids</p> <p>Beginning and end of day need attention to stop mixing but this can be resolved: Lining up at start of day and preventing barging or possible delayed year group starting; we will also review whether people can get in on time and get them in earlier or then home earlier too.</p>	<p>For now we should not leave perimeter of green or decide something similar to limit what we do with children – BUT we will try to find compromise for clubs across year groups tbc</p> <p>Once changes in this section agreed for start of term then letter needs drafting and sending by DP and LW – LW to check this with DP by 12-08-20</p>

<b>Risk assessment planning</b>	<p>PC needs to know key areas needing separate risk assessment eg music</p> <p>Other factors - Separate control measures needed – buildings, lunches, activities;</p> <p>DP – general perspective needed first so that it is workable before addressing fine detail; as in previous section above the factors need consideration and others will also arise which we welcome hearing about to PC:</p> <p>PC – some schools have announced they will wear masks; DFE have said take them off and public health England must follow that; it should not be an issue</p> <p>Advice must be given and we then follow that</p>	<p>Working draft to be presented of risk assessment in 2 weeks by PC</p> <p>Next meeting to decide what would specifically trigger a risk assessment reevaluation – criteria</p> <p>First day some staff and pupils may be nervous – This will be addressed and staff with queries to raise with PC after reading these minutes</p>
<b>Suspected cases in school</b>	<p>None at present and none reported.</p>	<p>Monitoring to continue</p>
<b>Staff queries to risk assessment and staffing issues</b>	<p>Some things have come out of this – some staff may think they have a holiday they can go abroad then come back leading to unexpected quarantine issues – this must be communicated to staff now. Staff must understand how quarantine system operates to get back for 28/29 August to be available for work. Unfortunately it has already happened with some staff so urgent to clarify this situation - LW – meeting and letter to DP</p> <p>Shielding issues need reviewing for any staff involved.</p> <p>Union have not further pursued their letter from the last week of term – we assume that the points raised and addressed in these meetings have reassured staff who were concerned – but staff should raise any issues with PC</p> <p>We must make clear that launch of staff association will help – staff can talk to Sam Anderson as designated rep and then to DP. General perspective is in this meeting but some partic issues can be raised via PC and SA</p>	<p>LW to draft letter for DP to approve to advise staff of return from abroad expectations to minimise quarantine – letter to be sent by 10-08-20</p> <p>LW – to contact any staff suspected of having issues with attending on time to assess their current – by Wednesday 12-08-20</p> <p>Staff concerns can be raised through staff association SA, direct to PC or DP. Whichever route staff feel most comfortable with.</p>
<b>Next meeting info</b>	<p>w/c August 17th</p>	