Introduction

This policy has been written in response to the Coronavirus: Covid-19 pandemic. This is an unprecedented and rapidly changing situation. Advice from the government is issued frequently and often changes. This policy is written to capture the school's policy and procedures and to support decisions making at strategic and operational levels. The latest guidance was issued on 14th January 2021.

This policy has received approval from the full governing board, however, governors have not approved the January 2021 updates. It has been shared with the Chair of Governors who has delegated authority from the governing board in emergencies.

Aims

The school priorities during the pandemic are:

1. The health and wellbeing of all pupils, families and staff

2. The continued education of pupils in school

3. Support the national pandemic response through application and adherence to government guidance, including supporting 'Track and Trace'

Policy Statement

- Leaders at Ivel Valley School will be guided by the aims stated above at all times
- Ivel Valley School will work within existing school policies where at all possible. Whether this is possible will be the decision of the Principal or designated senior leader.
- The school will abide by all relevant existing legislation.
- Ivel Valley School will try to adhere to government guidance as far as is possible.
- The Principal and senior leadership team will work with other agencies to establish joint approaches to Covid 19, including the Local Authority, NHS and social care.
- The Principal and School Business Manager will ensure that an up to date risk assessment is maintained and held centrally.
- Children who normally attend satellite classes will need to abide by, and may be limited by, the Biggleswade Academy social distancing policies.

Procedures

The Principal and School Business Manager will ensure that appendices to this policy are up to date and set out procedures for the following:

● Appendix 1: Arrival and departure from sites
● Appendix 2: PPE
● Appendix 3: Resources and shared areas
● Appendix 4: Cleaning
● Appendix 5: Lunch time arrangements
● Appendix 6: Procedures for people presenting symptoms of Covid 19 in school
● Appendix 7: Testing - lateral flow tests