



COVID-19: outbreak management plan

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, published by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

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

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)

If additional control measures are required, these will be communicated via email.

2. Testing

We will continue to offer lateral flow testing kits to all staff for twice weekly testing.

If required, we will liaise with DsPH regarding any additional testing measures.

3. Face coverings

If recommended, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas and corridors

4. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

5. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

6. Attendance restrictions

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

6.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable children
- Children of critical workers
- Children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2

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

- Vulnerable children
- Children of critical workers

6.2 Education and support for students at home

All other children will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.

We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that children would receive in school, as outlined in our Remote Learning Policy.

The school will continue to provide lunch vouchers for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

6.3 Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site. The DSL will then be informed of any concerns.