

COVID-19: Whole School Outbreak Management Plan including EYFS

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance](#), 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), directors 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. Actions will be considered when either of the following thresholds are met:
 - There are 5 positive cases amongst children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
 - 10% of children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period
- 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)
- To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS.

2. Seeking public health advice

When one of the thresholds above is met, we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. The Headmaster will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687).

3. Testing

If recommended, the school will increase the use of home testing by children and staff. If it is advised that the school reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) on-site, we will consult with the director of public health (DsPH) to discuss any further support we need to do this.

If the school reintroduces on-site asymptomatic testing, this will take place, coordinated by the medical centre (and other trained staff, if necessary). Testing can be made available for all staff and children in Years 7 and 8.

4. Face coverings

If recommended, children, 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 indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas

And/or:

Will be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity

5. Shielding

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



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

6. Other measures

Parents, carers, children and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via emailed letters to parents once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended, we will reintroduce other control measures such as:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Staggered drop off and collection arrangements to limit mixing of year groups
- Enhanced visitor protocols to limit visitor contact
- Social-distancing/teaching from the front of the classroom, where possible.
- Restrictions on social contact in staff rooms
- Staff 'grab and go' lunches.

7. Attendance restrictions

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

7.1 Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable children
- Children of critical workers



7.2 Education and support for children at home

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

We will aim to deliver online education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that children would receive in school, as outlined in our previously adopted Dulwich Virtual arrangements

7.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and holiday periods to those that need it most.

We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.

7.4 Safeguarding

We will review our Whole School Safeguarding and Child Protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will aim to have a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy) cannot be on site, they can be contacted remotely by email, via aeckersley@dulwichprepcranbrook.org

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a member of the Senior Management Team will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.

When vulnerable children are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where appropriate, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Ensure vulnerable children can access appropriate education and support while at home
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the child is able to access online education provision

