



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 and the [schools operational guidance from step 4](#), provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

Should any of this plan need to be put into action, staff, parents/carers and children would be communicated with by email, telephone where appropriate.

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.

From the Contingency Framework for Schools <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-and-childcare-settings>, Public Health advice will be taken when whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

In addition:

All settings should seek public health advice if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19. They can do this by phoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687, option 1), or in line with other local arrangements. Hospitalisation could indicate increased severity of illness or a new variant of concern. Settings may be offered public health support in managing risk assessments and communicating with staff and parents.

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

- 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)

2. 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.

Individual risk assessments for such individuals may need to be undertaken.

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit or adapt:

- Residential or other educational visits
- Open days/ Parents' Evenings
- Transition Days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups

- › Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)
- › Worship only for specific year groups in the Hall

4. Testing

Staff will continue to take part in twice-weekly lateral flow testing. Further testing advice will be followed as given by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

5. Attendance restrictions

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

5.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In accordance with DfE advice, in the first instance, we will stay open for:

- › Vulnerable pupils
- › Children of critical workers
- › Any prioritised year groups as advised by DfE

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

- › Vulnerable pupils
- › Children of critical workers

5.2 Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils 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 pupils would receive in school, as outlined in our Remote Learning Policy.

The school will continue to provide meals, vouchers or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. Parents will be able to collect food from school or an alternative will be arranged as necessary.

5.3 Breakfast Club & After School Club

We will limit access to before and after-school activities during term time to those that need it most in accordance with DfE guidance.

Children will stay in bubbles of within small consistent groups.

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

5.4 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.

If our DSL (or deputy) cannot be on site, they can be contacted remotely via the School Office through email office@minetjunior.org.uk or telephone: 01895 462 362.

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.