

Durley CE Controlled Primary School

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](#), provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

The school will continue with the following measures despite the lifting of restrictions on 16 August 2021. These measures will include:

- Regular handwashing and sanitizing
- High level of cleaning
- Children maintaining their own resources not borrowing from others
- Ventilation of the classrooms through ensuring windows and doors remain open through out the day.
- One way system for entry and exit to the building
- Encourage regular lateral flow testing

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, for example:

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 pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
- 10% of pupils 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

The implementation of these measures is the responsibility of the Headteacher after advice and agreement has been obtained from the local authority.

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.

The Headteacher will seek advice by telephoning the following:

- public health advice from a director of public health on the DfE helpline 0800 046 8687
- advice from Hampshire and Isle of Wight health protection team 03442253861.
- Telephone the local authority through the LLP Rebecca Kingsland 07834 106988 and/or Ann Truman 07966 289669

3. 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.

4. Other measures

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via text and letters through school comm. once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended, we will re/introduce:

- Class bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Mask wearing for all visitors to the site (unless exempt) and staff when speaking to visitors
- Staggered start and end to the school day
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to support class bubbles
- Regular cleaning when children move class places at KS2
- Children at KS2 facing the front where possible
- No gatherings e.g worship
- No singing, shouting or indoor PE
- No music lessons

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

If 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 plan/policy.

The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. This will be sent parents in the form of a food voucher.

5.3 Wraparound care

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

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.

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where applicable, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Make sure vulnerable pupils can access appropriate education and support while at home
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision

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