

## **COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan**

### **Introduction**

This outbreak management 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).

The School has retained a degree of flexibility in its planning and operations to enable a timely move to more protective measures should this become necessary. The School will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by the 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 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; and/or
  - There are 2 positive cases among boarding pupils or boarding staff who are likely to have mixed closely 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); and / or
- To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS.

### **Seeking Public Health Advice**

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

The School will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. The School Bursar will be responsible for seeking this advice and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline or the education group at Cambridge County Council.

## **Testing**

If recommended, the School will increase the use of home testing by pupils and staff. If it is advised that the School reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS), the School will make arrangements for a testing site to be re-established in a timely manner and in a space deemed appropriate through risk assessment. Staff and pupils in Years 7 and 8 may then be tested on site as per advice from public health officials.

## **Face Coverings**

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

- May 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 communal areas; and / or
- May 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.

## **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 will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in School or arrangements for home working or learning that may be feasible.

## **Other Measures**

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly via written guidelines about the reintroduction of any such control measures once a decision has been made.

If recommended, the School may limit:

- Residential educational visits;
- Open days;
- Transition or taster days;
- Parents coming into School;
- Live performances and large group assemblies.

If recommended, the School may reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between large groups of pupils.

## **Attendance Restrictions**

Attendance restrictions will only be used as a last resort. If advised, the School may implement the following measures:

## **1. Eligibility to remain in School**

If restrictions are recommended, the School may stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils;
- Children of critical workers.

## **2. Education and support for pupils at home**

All other pupils may be required to stay at home; all pupils will receive remote education via the School's Home Learning Platform which will enable pupils to receive the same quality and quantity of education that they would receive in School.

## **3. Wraparound Care**

The School may limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and School holidays to those that need it most including children of critical workers.

## **4. Safeguarding**

The School will review our *Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy* to ensure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

The School's Designated Safeguarding Lead or a member of the safeguarding team will be contactable at all times.

When vulnerable pupils are absent, the School will:

- Speak to parents / carers and, where appropriate, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence;
- Monitor and encourage attendance;
- Ensure 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.