

Stanford Infant 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).

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 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.

We would seek public health advice if a 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/carers.

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. Madeleine Denyer, Head Teacher, will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687).

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, children and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via SchoolPing once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit:

- Educational Visits
- Open Days
- Transition or Taster Days
- Parents/Carers coming into School
- Live Performances

If recommended, we will (re)introduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups.
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt).

5. Attendance Restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be considered as a short-term measure and a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

Where measures include attendance restrictions, the DfE may advise on any other groups that should be prioritised. Our Contingency Plans cover the possibility if we are advised, temporarily, to limit attendance, we will ensure that high quality remote education is provided to all children not attending.

5.1 Eligibility to Remain in School

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable Children
- Children of Critical Workers

5.2 Education and Support for Children 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 Education Policy. Remote Education Plans for each half-term are saved

in the Coronavirus Folder in Resources. Year Groups should review these each half-term.

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

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 and Safeguarding 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 email.

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

When vulnerable children 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 children can access appropriate education and support while at home.
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the child is able to access remote education provision.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Covid-19 Contingency Plan.