

# COVID-19: Outbreak management plan

Tackley CE Primary School

Wootton-by-Woodstock CE Primary School



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## Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, 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), director 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
- if COVID-19 infection rates in the community (local or school) 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 overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk.

We would take action if the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in staff or children substantially increased. This is because it could indicate transmission is happening in the setting. The thresholds, detailed below, are an indication for when we would seek additional advice from public health.

**For most education and childcare settings, these include:**

- **a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection**
- **evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19**
- **a cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group**

## Additional measures

If the threshold above was reached we would put in additional measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of our staff and pupils, operational impact or identified health risks of a COVID-19 outbreak. These measures could include:

- Single point Lateral Flow Testing
- Face coverings for staff and parents at pick up and drop off
- Restricting visitors to the school
- No whole school assemblies indoors
- Lunchtime arrangements – increased ventilation in Hall, and children sat at class table groups
- Limiting residential educational visits – including overnight and day visits
- Restricting audiences at live events
- Increasing cleaning of frequent touch points
- Restrict large groups, or group mixing in areas where ventilation is less good
- Regular purging of air from classrooms when CO2 monitor readings turn red

If required, these measures would be in place for two weeks in the first instance, and then reviewed.

## 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.

### **Attendance restrictions**

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

### **Eligibility to remain in school**

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of key workers
- Children of statutory school age
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

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

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of key workers

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

All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive high-quality 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 on our remote learning page on our websites.

#### **Tackley**

<https://tackley.oxon.sch.uk/remote-learning/>

#### **Wootton**

[Wootton-by-Woodstock Remote Learning Policy](#)

### **School lunches**

The school will continue to provide 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 daily lunch bags from school.

### **Wraparound care**

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time to those that need it most. We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once any restrictions are confirmed.

### **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 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or deputy DSL on site wherever possible. If our DSL is not able to be on site, a DSL will be available at either Tackley or Wootton.

Contact can be made with a DSL by either phoning the school directly or emailing the school office:

[office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk)

[office.3657@wootton-woodstock.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3657@wootton-woodstock.oxon.sch.uk)

If a DSL or Deputy DSL is not able to be on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding.