

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Pye Green Academy



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1. 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, actions **will be considered** when the following has been met

There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils and staff within a class.
- 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.

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days & Events
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances
- Assemblies

If recommended, we will

- Reinstate class 'Bubbles' also known as learning zones
- Strongly advise that all affected – close contact pupils and staff get a PCR test
- Have lunchtimes within classrooms
- Ensure that contacts of cases who are **not** double vaccinated or under 18 years and 6 months isolate at home for 10 days from the first day of contact with the positive case.

4. Attendance restrictions

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

4.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

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

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

4.2 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 strategy. Information and communication regarding remote learning can be found on our website

<https://www.pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk/remote-learning/home-learning>

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.

Arrangements will be made for parents to collect parcels from school at a pre-arranged time from the collection point at the school hall fire exit to maintain distance from others.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

The Inclusion team will be available to complete regular welfare checks via phone calls and support any arising issues.

Meetings with professionals will continue as planned via Teams or Zoom access. Support will be provided to the family with access to appropriate equipment.

If you need to contact our safeguarding leader urgently then please email enquiries@pyegreen.uwmat.co.uk for the attention of Mrs S. Yates. Mrs Yates or another member of the team will then contact you directly to offer support or advice.

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

This Outbreak Management Plan will be reviewed regularly and changed where national/local advice is received