

Menston Primary School

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

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Introduction

This plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 and the schools operational guidance from step 4, 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 (DPH), 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 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)

We work closely with Bradford Local Authority and Public Health England partners and follow all of their guidance, control measures and procedures when managing and reporting any cases of Covid-19.

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.

Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

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

Local authorities, DsPH and HPTs may recommend these precautions in individual settings or across an entire area.

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)
- Regular asymptomatic testing for staff (which will continue until the end of September 2021 in line with government guidance)

Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. *If recommended*, we will implement the measures below:

1. Eligibility to remain in school

In all circumstances, priority will continue to be given to vulnerable children and children of critical workers to attend to their normal timetables.

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 Policy.

High-quality remote learning will be provided for all pupils if:

- they have tested positive for COVID-19 but are well enough to learn from home; or
- attendance at their setting has been temporarily restricted.

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 they have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves

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 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 DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

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