

# Covid-19 : Outbreak Management Plan

Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School

## 1. 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 (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 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
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

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

## 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 blended learning policy - available from our website.

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 of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. The office will be in touch with eligible families and arrange for delivery of food parcels.

## 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. We have 3 deputy designated safeguarding leads trained and therefore it would be highly unusual for one not to be on site. If however, our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by email or phone number available from the school office.

## 4.5 Tiered Approach

Tier 1: Very little, or no cases within school within the last two weeks

Tier 2: A rise in cases in the last two weeks, but numbers are still low

Tier 3: A significant increase in cases over the last two weeks

### The following will be implemented at all times:

- Given the heightened risk posed by the omicron variant all schools should ensure that spot cleaning takes place throughout the day, especially in regard to door handles and toilet areas.
- Good ventilation should be in place in all rooms
- Social distancing should be in place in staffrooms
- Face coverings should be worn by all staff and Year 7 students, unless exempt, when moving around the school and outside of their normal classrooms / bases
- Office staff should ensure there is good social distancing in their office
- Parents should be encouraged to wear face coverings in the school and on the playgrounds
- All visitors should be asked to wear face coverings

- Where possible, meetings should be online with people external to the school
- Encourage all staff to get vaccinated and take up the offer for a booster vaccine where available
- Ensure hand washing is reinforced – ideally with warm water and soap as this is more effective than hand sanitizers

**Tier 1:**

No additional measures other than those specified above

**Tier 2:**

- Pupils to be in bubbles for lunch and playtimes etc and minimise cross over of bubbles where not necessary (phonics groups etc can continue)
- Move to phase collective worship so there are low numbers of children in the hall and keep the hall well ventilated

**Tier 3 schools:**

- Where possible children should return to being seated in rows
- Collective worship / assemblies etc should be online
- Pupils to be in bubbles for lunch and playtimes etc and minimise cross over of bubbles where not necessary (phonics groups etc can continue)
- There is no need to return to staggered starts / ends of the day unless directed to do so by Public Health
- Staffrooms to be closed
- Staff meetings to be online where possible
- PPA / leadership time to be taken at home where practical
- Consider if staff social events outside of school could be delayed until the current national wave of COVID significantly reduces
- Encourage all staff to get PCR tests once the school is placed into tier 3
- Encourage parents to test their children with lateral flow kits
- Do not participate in school sport events with other schools

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