

Birmingham City Council's Outbreak Management Plan Template

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KINGS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (V1)

As per Step 4 of government's plan, all measures have been lifted from 19 July 2021 for the full return of all pupils: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidances. published by the Department for Education (DfE).

Schools and settings will only need to implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by the 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:

> To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school / setting. Actions will need to be considered when either of the following thresholds are met: For most settings:

- There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
- 10% of pupils 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

When one of the thresholds above is met, we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will regularly review the latest information produced by Public Health: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/COVID-19 schools fags.

The latest checklist and flowchart can be found here for guidance on dealing with suspected or confirmed cases within staff or pupil cohorts, and their contacts: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3527/public_health_flowchart_for_schools

This plan will be shared with the School's workforce and published on the school website for transparency



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Setting Name:	KINGS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Review Date:	October 2021
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Measures	Comments
1. Testing	
In the event of an outbreak, schools and settings will need to adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of home testing and onsite asymptomatic testing	All staff will be encouraged to take part in twice weekly lateral flow testing for the whole of September. Reported to AC via e mail
 If recommended, increase the use of home testing by pupils and staff. 	Adequate supply of Lateral Flow tests secured and stocks monitored by First Aid
 If it is advised, reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) at the school. 	Staff to be provided with Lateral Flow tests on request to AC No on -site testing at school - Primary phase
 Work with the director of public health (DPH) on any further support needed regarding testing 	These measures will remain in place until at least the end of the first half term
 If on-site asymptomatic testing is reintroduced, outline your plans including: 	Update- this has continued for Autumn 2
When testing will take place?	
 Where testing will take place? 	



O Who will receive on-site testing?	
What additional control measures are	
needed to accommodate on-site testing?	
2. Face Coverings	
If recommended, pupils, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:	Face Coverings (Masks or visors) are optional for staff in their own classroom
 Should be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in 	Face covering are worn along with other PPE when assisting children in bathrooms
places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas	Disposable face masks (Type IIR) are available for staff to use if they would prefer. and an adequate stock maintained
And/or:	
 Should be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity 	
 In some circumstances, transparent face coverings, which may assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, can also be worn. Transparent face coverings may be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. 	
 Face visors or shields can be worn by those exempt from wearing a face covering but they are not an equivalent alternative in terms of source control of virus transmission. 	
 No pupil or student should be denied education on the grounds of whether they are, or are not, wearing a face covering. 	



3. Shielding	
In the event of an outbreak, Schools and settings will need to adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding. • Follow national or local guidance on the reintroduction of shielding which would apply to those on the shielded patient list (SPL). • Introduce additional protective measures in school for individuals required to shield • Consider home working for members of staff requiring to shield • Consider remote learning offer for pupils unable to attend school due to shielding	School leaders collect information from staff on individual risk factors including levels of vaccination and will consult with individual staff members who have previously been considered as clinically extremely vulnerable in the event of an outbreak. Guidance will be followed and shielding/vulnerable staff either directed to work from home for a period or be redeployed to work within school which has less face-to face contact- i.e. office/admin role or Group works Home working for pregnant staff over 28 weeks who are not double vaccinated will be used Shielding/vulnerable pupils will be supported with a remote learning offer.
4. Other Measures	
Parents, carers, pupils and staff should be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. Pay due consideration to limiting:	Parents, carers, students and staff will be kept updated with any changes. Events will be carefully considered and back up plans will be in place should we need to move to remote learning.
All visits, i.e. residential educational visits etc.Open days	Hand hygiene regime maintained for pupils upon entry / exit of classroom, halls, etc.
Transition or taster daysParents coming into school	Additional daytime cleaning routines maintained until at least Christmas
Live performances	Windows to be open in classrooms to maximise ventilation. CO2 monitors deployed so staff can monitor levels of CO2 as an indicator of ventilation quality



- If recommended, be prepared to reintroduce Bubbles to reduce mixing between groups
- You may want to enter information in this section on any other specific measures you have in place e.g. enhanced cleaning, specific transport issues etc.

Cleaning – (In addition to existing robust cleaning regimes) Following the identification of the person with COVID-19 symptoms, clean and disinfect:

- All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with, including objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids; and
- All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells

Halls only to be used when extraction fans on and windows open

Lunchtimes on a rota basis to maintain year-group "bubbles" with 10 minutes Refresh period between sittings in each hall.

Table plans maintained for dining hall so close contacts can be identified

Table plans in classrooms maintained so that close contacts can be identified

Lunchtime playground time maintained as 1 year group at a time – playtimes maximum 2 groups at a time (1/2), (3/4) & (5/6)

Residential trip to Red Ridge - school will have exclusive use of facilities during the week. Staff and pupils asked to take a LFT prior to departure (no more than 24 hours earlier) – Action plan to handle outbreak on site in place.

Non-residential trips will be planned in accordance with venue guidance

After initial "Welcome" assemblies, all assemblies will remain virtual

Staff briefings remain "Virtual"

Parent's evening to remain virtual

Home School transport – guides continue to follow Travel-Assist Guidance

Parents and staff will be advised where two or more cases are reported in their class within a 10 day period

Updated November 2021



	Open days- restricted number of people to attend open sessions. Masks advised to parents attending. Parents will not enter the classrooms. Parents will be advised to sanitize hands whilst walking around school. Play group Parents and children restricted to the small hall and outdoors. If access to the toilet is required, adults to wear masks. Parents will be advised to sanitize hands regularly.
5. Attendance Restrictions	
Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, implement the measures in this section:	Attendance restrictions will only be considered either under national / local government guidance or as part of an outbreak management plan
5.1 Eligibility to remain in school	As guided by local / national government to include Vulnerable Students; children
If restrictions are recommended, school will stay open for:	of Key workers.
Vulnerable pupils	A risk register will continue to be used to prioritise need and to ensure that all
Children of critical workers	relevant information is obtained to support decision making.
Year 10 and 11 pupils	A staff rota including working from home will be considered to reduce numbers
Year 12 and 13 pupils (delete if inapplicable)	within school, if required and advised.
Any other pupils due to take external exams this academic year	The lead DSL will keep an ongoing record of pupil vulnerability
If further restrictions are recommended, school will stay open for:	
Vulnerable pupils	
Children of critical workers	
5.2 Education and support for pupils at home	Plan for remote education in place via Padlet
	IT devices available for deployment if required



 All pupils required to stay at home will receive remote education. remote education will meet the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school 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. [school may wish to insert details of how meals or lunch parcels will be distributed to pupils (e.g. parents collect from school).] 	Paper-based work can be provided in cases where electronic learning may not be appropriate / best Supermarket voucher scheme available via Wonde for FSM children not in attendance Wraparound care is provided by Playcare. in the event of restrictions on
 Access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and the summer holidays will be offered to those that need it most. Eligibility to attend will be communicated once the restrictions are confirmed. 	attendance, a plan will be discussed with the management to ensure a complimentary offering if possible to maintain operation. Relevant Risk assessments will be sought from the provider to confirm safety of operation
 Safeguarding Review child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective. Aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible. [Adapt as necessary according to the arrangements you have in place:] 	Safeguarding and Child Protection policies are updated and reviewed in readiness for September start. 4 DSLs within school - should therefore always have 1 on site with others readily contactable as members of the senior leadership team (via mobile phone). Where vulnerable students are absent, weekly phone calls home will recommence doorstop welfare checks to be considered if difficulty in contacting parents



If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by [insert contact details].

If our DSL (or deputy) is unavailable, we will share a DSL with [insert school name]. Their DSL can be contacted by [insert contact details].

- 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 pupils are absent:
 - > Speak to parents/carers and, where appropriate, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
 - > Encourage attendance
 - > Ensure vulnerable pupils can access appropriate education and support while at home
 - ➤ Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision

Multi-agency works to continue, supporting those with poor attendance and known social care involvement.

Provision made for additional laptops and iPad where needed to access remote education.

In the event that a child with a CP or CIN plan is absent from school with a Covid related absence, the Social Worker will be notified by email /phone



Links to related published guidance notes to be referred to alongside the Outbreak Management Plan	As per Risk Assessment
Links to DfE Guidance	Full opening (updated 6 July 2021 and applies until Step 4): https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-
As new guidance is produced weekly, please refer to www.gov.uk for updates Note from DFE: Schools are not required to use these guides, and may choose to follow alternative approaches to preparing for wider opening, or to use some sections of this guidance alongside other approaches	Early Years and Childcare: <a government="" guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings"="" href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures Special Schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings Out of School settings: <a <a="" and="" childcare:="" coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-for-staff-in-primary-schools-and-nurseries="" education="" government="" href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care" https:="" in="" publications="" rapid-asymptomatic-coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-staff-in-primary-schools-school-based-nurseries-and-maintained-nursery-schools="" safe="" working="" www.gov.uk="">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care Compilation of all guidance notes for schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-
	guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings Advice for parents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak



Advice for parents attending Out of School settings: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

Ofsted guidance and update: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update

Providing meals to pupils: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools

School reports: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-reports-on-pupil-performance-guide-for-headteachers

Safeguarding and remote learning: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19

EYFS disapplication: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications

Keeping children safe in education for schools and staff: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2

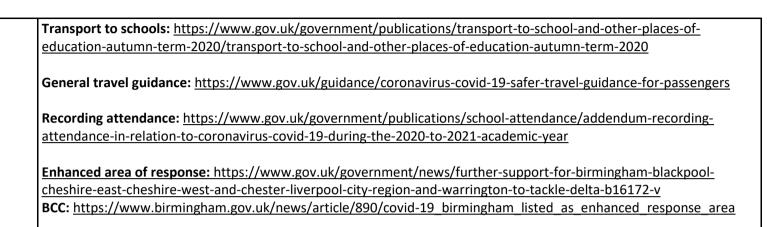
 $\frac{\textbf{Shielding and guidance for CEV}: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19}{}$

<u>Curriculum and teaching guidance:</u> https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-practice-for-schools-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Remote learning support for schools and staff: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Remote learning support for parents: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19







Governance and other resources

Link to Public Health flowchart in case of coronavirus symptoms within pupils or staff: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3527/public health flowchart for schools

Safeguarding policy addendum: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/16735/covid-19 safeguarding policy addendum

Useful contacts in BCC:

- If subscribing schools have questions / queries about governance, contact School and Governor Support (S&GS) at governors@birmingham.gov.uk
- Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes should contact the Early Years' Service for EYFS queries via email: <u>EYDuty@birmingham.gov.uk</u>
- Education Safeguarding questions please contact the Education Safeguarding Team via email: EducationSafeguarding@birmingham.gov.uk

Other resources:

 $A CAS\ guidance\ on\ mental\ health: \ \underline{https://www.acas.org.uk/acas-launches-new-guidance-on-mental-health-during-coronavirus}$

HSE guidance on working during coronavirus and related links: https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/index.htm

NAHT guidance on health and safety duties and schools: https://www.naht.org.uk/advice-and-support/management/health-and-safety-duties-and-schools/

RCPH COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people: $\frac{https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-guidance-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-children-young-people#children-who-should-be-advised-to-shield$