



Bethersden Primary School

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COVID 19 OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Date for review:

Dates of review:

1. Introduction

Bethersden Primary School's Outbreak Management 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 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 most up to date [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

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 children
- Children of critical workers
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
- If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:
 - Vulnerable children
 - Children of critical workers

4.2 Education and support for children at home

All other children 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 children would receive in school, as outlined in our Remote Education Further Information Guide which can be found <https://www.st-simon.kent.sch.uk/advice-for-successful-home-learning/>

The school will continue to provide food vouchers for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

Vouchers will need to be requested by parents and carers through contacting the school office via telephone 01233 820479 or via email: families@bethersden.kent.sch.uk .

4.3 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 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 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or one of our deputy DSLs on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by emailing safeguarding@bethersden.kent.sch.uk

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a member of the Leadership Group will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.