

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Kingsbury Green Academy

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance](#), published 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), 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. Actions will be considered when either of the following thresholds are met:
 - 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

2. Seeking public health advice

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

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher (Mr Tudor/Mrs Collingbourne) will be responsible for seeking this advice and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or Public Health Wiltshire.

3. Testing

If recommended, we will increase the use of home testing by pupils and staff. If it is advised that we reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) at our school, we will consult with the director of public health (DsPH) to discuss any further support we need to do this.

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing, the process will be completed in the Main Hall/ Gym using the same access, distancing and exit procedures established previously (March 21 and September 21).

A timetable of testing will be communicated by year group and tutor group for a smooth testing procedure. Fresh consent forms will be required should testing be required for all under 16s on the day of testing (over 16s can consent for themselves).

4. Face coverings

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1044890/Schools_guidance_January_2022_.pdf

In line with the Government guidance above, we recognise that face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas e.g. the canteen. This is a temporary measure.

From January 4th, we also recommend that students wear face coverings in classrooms. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This will also be a temporary measure. We do not expect teachers to wear a face covering in the classroom if they are at the front of the class, to support education delivery, but we are happy for staff to do so, if they would prefer to. Students and staff who are exempt from wearing a face covering are not expected to wear one on the premises.

Pupils should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school.

Face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors.

No pupil will be denied education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering.

5. 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.

6. Other measures

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via email once a decision has been made.

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 year group 'bubbles' to reduce mixing between year groups

Please note that all parents' evenings will be held virtually via Teams/School Cloud for T3 and T4.

7. Attendance restrictions

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

7.1 Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- › Vulnerable pupils
- › Children of critical/key workers

7.2 Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.

We will deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school, as outlined in our expectations document from the January 2021 lockdown (KGA Remote Learning Strategy)

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

Each eligible family will have access to vouchers to the extent of their normal free school meals provision.

7.3 Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

Our trained DSL, deputy DSL and deputy DSL (SENCO) will be contactable via the school website (<https://kingsburygreenacademy.com/>) at all times and during school hours on 01249 818100

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

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- 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

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