



DRONFIELD JUNIOR 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 ([Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92821/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settings.pdf)) and the schools operational guidance, www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance 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), 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, for example:

- 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

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. Mrs Nicola Thomson will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) and/or liaising with Derbyshire Public Health Outbreak Response on ASCH.TestandTrace@derbyshire.gov.uk

Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the shielded patient list (SPL) [Shielded Patient List - NHS Digital](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/shielded-patient-list/)

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

Actions Considered in the Event of an Outbreak

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

	Direction	Action to be taken	Length of Action
Self-isolation of close contacts	It is noted that under current guidance, fully vaccinated adults and children under the years of 18 years and 6 months do not have to isolate as close contacts. <i>However, in some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. This could be the class or year group.</i>	Parents informed – contacts self-isolating Full remote learning provision put in place	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Re-introduction of Face Coverings	The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.	If recommended, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as corridors and in communal/crowded areas 	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Asymptomatic Testing	Additional testing may be recommended to pick up any asymptomatic testing in the school community.	If recommended, the school will increase the use of home testing by staff. If recommended, the school will communicate to parents with advice around adult family members taking asymptomatic tests.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Increased ventilation	Increase ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation/index.htm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep windows opened as much as possible. Occupants encouraged to wear additional, suitable indoor clothing. (If they have to wear coats, scarves and other outdoor clothing the room would be considered too cold and the above steps must be considered). 	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Increased Cleaning	Although the school will continue to maintain increased daily cleaning, the public health teams may require further increase at shorter intervals.	Reinforced importance of cleaning in between groups.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.

Reduce mixing of staff/pupils	It is noted that under current guidance, there is no longer any need for reduced mixing for pupils. However, in some cases, Health Protection Teams may recommend that bubbles are put in place for a period whilst the outbreak is in place.	Reviewed start and end times, lunch and break arrangements and re-instated small groups for PE etc. Staff/pupils are reintroduced into distinct groups/ 'bubbles' that do not mix and the number of children in each bubble is as small as possible. Some staff will also revert to fixed teams.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Communications to staff, pupils and families	In the event of an outbreak, if the health teams advise measures, these must be communicated to stakeholders.	All stakeholders advised of potential outbreak and mitigating actions as quickly as possible after advice has been given. Child protection policy will be reviewed to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Shielding of vulnerable members of the community	Presently the DFE have advised that Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) staff follow the same guidance as everyone else. The school follows the latest guidance on vulnerable staff in schools.	We will carry out a risk assessment and speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.
Remote learning contingency	Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, the school has the capacity to offer immediate remote education.	In developing contingency plans the school has considered: All students have access to appropriate technology.	Decision managed by the school.
Reduction of wider school activities	Public Health Teams may advise schools to reduce their timetable to normal school day activities. This may mean limiting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential educational visits • Open days • Transition or taster days • Parents coming into school • Live performances 	The school will ensure that the Public Health Teams are aware of any additional activities when communicating about a potential outbreak. If these need to be limited, the school will ensure communication to stakeholder via email and text message (where possible) to ensure cancellations are understood quickly.	As recommended by Derbyshire County Council/Public Health Teams.

Attendance restrictions

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

Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

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 www.dronfield-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk/39/covid-19-information

The school will continue to provide meals or vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals while they are not attending school because of Covid-19 isolation guidelines.

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 on site wherever possible. Our trained DSLs are Mrs Thomson, Mr Roberts and Mrs Ford. If all of our DSLs are unavailable, we will share a DSL with Dronfield Infant School, in the first instance. Their DSL can be contacted by telephoning 01246 412302 and asking for the DSL – Mrs King or Mrs Wright.

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

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where applicable, social workers, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Make sure 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