

# Covid-19: Outbreak Management Plan



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## 1 Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, 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 SMBC, 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:

- 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 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: Outline your plans for how you'll reintroduce asymptomatic testing on-site. This will include twice a week on site testing for pupils and staff

## 3 Face coverings

If recommended, pupils, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Will 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

## 4 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.

## 5 Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

## 6 Attendance restrictions

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

### 6.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- Year 10 and 11 pupils
- Any other pupils due to take external exams this academic year

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

### 6.2 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 Remote Education Policy.

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

### **6.3 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.

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by e-mail [csylvestre@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:csylvestre@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk) or [jhall@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:jhall@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk) Alternatively DSL can be reached via mobile phone

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