

Twelve Apostles RC Primary School

Outbreak Management Plan Autumn 2021



The Contingency Framework describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 (including responding to variants of concern) in education and childcare settings.

Please read alongside Summary contingency plan and remote learning contingency plan .

Covering:

- the types of measures that our setting should be prepared for
- who can recommend these measures and where
- when measures should be lifted
- how decisions are made

Introduction :

The government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should

continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for

example:

- to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- if there is extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and other
- measures have failed to reduce transmission
- as part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC)

All education and childcare settings should have outbreak management plans (sometimes

called contingency plans) This plan includes how we will ensure every child, receives the

quantity and quality of education and care to which they are normally entitled, should there

be a local outbreak.

Roles and responsibilities

Local authorities, directors of public health (DsPH) and PHE health protection teams (HPTs)

are responsible for managing localised outbreaks. They play an important role in providing

support and advice to education and childcare settings.

We will seek public health advice if either of these thresholds are reached:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or

- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Testing

We will advise increasing the use of home testing by staff.

Face coverings

Staff and visitors will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas, unless medically exempt. Parents and carers will be advised to wear face coverings on the school grounds.

Shielding

Shielding would be considered in addition to other measures to address the residual risk to people on the Shielded Patient List, once the wider interventions are taken into account. Shielding can only be reintroduced by national government.

Bubbles

We will re-implement class bubbles, to minimise contact between different groups of Children. Layout of class to forward facing desks may be reintroduced Staggered entrance/ exit times

Playtime and Lunchtime

We will re-implement class staggered playtimes and lunchtimes, with zoned areas for each class.

Collective Worship/Assemblies

We will re-implement a full programme of class-based, pre-recorded collective worship across school.

Parents/Carers and Visitors

Alternative arrangements will be put in place to facilitate meetings between school and parents/carers. Visitors will be limited and any visitors will be required to wear a face covering.

Signage

Signage will be re-instated around school.

Other measures

We will reconsider any organised:

- educational visit
- open days
- transition or taster days
- parental/carer attendance in school
- live performances in school
- extra-curricular provision
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Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions should only ever be considered as a short-term measure and as a

last resort, following public health or government advice.

In all circumstances, priority should continue to be given to vulnerable children and young

people and children of critical workers to attend to their normal timetables.

High-quality remote education will be provided for all children not attending. See version 5 Twelve Apostles RCPS COVID 19 Contingency plan Remote and Blended Learning Offer

If, by exception, attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical

workers should still be allowed to attend.

Other considerations where attendance has been restricted

Education workforce

If restrictions on attendance are ever needed, school leaders will determine the workforce

required onsite and if it is appropriate for some staff to work remotely.

We will consult the guidance on clinically extremely vulnerable people.

Safeguarding and designated safeguarding leads

If attendance restrictions are needed, we would continue to work with all local safeguarding

partners to be vigilant and responsive to all safeguarding threats with the aim of keeping

vulnerable children and young people safe, particularly as more children and young people

will be learning remotely.

We will continue to follow any statutory safeguarding guidance that applies, including:

- Keeping children safe in education
- Working together to safeguard children
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework - read alongside Early years

foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications

School will review the child protection policy so that it reflects the local restrictions and

remains effective.

We will have a trained DSL (or deputy) available on site.

Vulnerable children and young people

Where vulnerable children are absent, we will:

- follow up with the parent or carer, working with the local authority and social worker
- (where applicable), to explore the reason for absence and discuss their concerns
- encourage vulnerable children to attend educational provision, working with the local
- authority and social worker (where applicable), particularly where the social worker
- and the Virtual School Head (where applicable) agrees that the child's attendance
- would be appropriate
- focus the discussions on the welfare of the child and ensure that the child is able to
- access appropriate education and support while they are at home
- have in place procedures to maintain contact, ensure they are able to access remote
- education support, as required, and regularly check if they are doing so
- If school has to temporarily stop onsite provision on public health advice, we will discuss alternative arrangements for vulnerable children and young people with the local authority.

School meals

School will continue to provide free school meals support in the form of 'grab bags' or vouchers for pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and who are not attending school

because they:

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves

Further detailed guidance for education: and childcare settings

- [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak)
- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/actions-for-early-years-and-childcare-providers-during-the-coronavirus-(covid-19)-outbreak)

Information based on:

[Managing coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/managing-coronavirus-(covid-19)-in-education-and-childcare-settings)

Additional Information

Contact points.

- Twelve Apostles RC Primary School 01942 674312
- Health Protection and Civil Contingencies (Help Line) 01942 404240
- Health and Wellbeing Team 01942 827857
- DfE helpline

0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.

