



Glen Hills Primary School

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, provided by the Department for Education (DfE) and is updated when new material is released, such as the 'Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance'.

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), United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) (formerly Public Health England) 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), for example Omicron variant.

2. 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.

November 2021 update: The UK Clinical Review panel has recommended that no children and young people under the age of 18 should be considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) and under-18s should be removed from the Shielded Patient List.

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended, school will suggest staff/visitors wear masks in communal areas.

School will follow guidance, such as 'Guidance for Christmas Events 2021' when making such decisions.

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 pupils

- › Children of critical workers
- › Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

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

- › Vulnerable pupils
- › Children of critical workers

4.2 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 Learning Procedure and detailed on our website 'Remote Learning: Google Classroom'. This learning could be in the form of live lessons, for example for core subjects, as well as pre-recorded video lessons for non-core subjects.

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

School will monitor engagement with home learning on a weekly basis and teachers will follow up with any non-engagers.

Wellbeing calls will be made to each child on a regular basis by support staff team and any concerns passed to a senior leader and/or DSL/DDSL if necessary.

4.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time holidays 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 DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy DSL) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by telephone or email.

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

Where vulnerable children are absent, we will:

- Follow up with the parent or carer, working with the LA and social worker where applicable, to explore the reason for the absence
- Encourage the child to attend
- Focus discussions on the welfare of the child, ensuring the child has access to appropriate education and support while they are at home
- Have procedures in place to maintain appropriate contact, ensure they are able to access remotes education and regularly check they are doing so.

4.5 School meals

We will provide meal options for pupils who are in school. Meals will be free of charge for infant pupils and pupils who meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility.