

# COVID-19: outbreak management plan

The Orchards Primary Academy



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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).

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), 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
- 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. 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.

## 3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances
- Separate entry and exit times for different year groups.
- In extreme cases, a temporary return to 'bubbles' for different year groups.

## 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, following this, Year 6 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 Policy. Currently we provide work via our online learning platform DBPrimary. For parents without laptops, a loan can be arranged via the school office to enable home learning.

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

Parents will collect food parcels from the school gate, in the event of an isolation.

### **4.3 Wraparound care**

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time.

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.

These are:

Damon O'Neill – Lead DSL

Hayley Byrne – Deputy DSL

Emma Hughson- Deputy DSL

Michelle Gauntlett – Deputy DSL in the Pre-Academy; Thursday and Friday

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by emailing [enquiry@theorchards.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@theorchards.uwmat.co.uk) or on 0121 464 4302

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