COVID-19: outbreak management plan

**Staindrop CE Primary School 2021-22**

**Additional measures 15.11.21**

**COVID OUTBREAK 15-29th November 2021**

* Year 1,3,5 &6 to remain in class bubbles
* Staggered pick up times 3.05-3.15pm from gates (walkie talkies)
* No clubs-children may remain in classrooms until 4.00pm (charged £2.50-pre arranged with office) Breakfast club as usual-sat in bubbles.
* Increased reminders re hand hygiene
* No whole school worship
* Enhanced cleaning procedures
* Staff to remain in bubbles as much as possible/wear face mask outside classroom if desired.
* Trips and visitors not advised
* Staggered lunch and playtimes

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# 1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-and-childcare-settings) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak), 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), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) 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 among 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

# 2. 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. S Whelerton /C Harland will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or speaking to our local authority

# 3. Testing

If recommended, we will increase the use of home testing by staff.

# 4. Other measures

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

If recommended, we will limit:

* Residential educational visits
* Open days
* Transition or taster days
* Parents/visitors coming into school
* Live performances/. Group singing

If recommended, we will (re)introduce:

* Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
* Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)

# 5. Attendance restrictions

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

5.1 Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

* Vulnerable pupils
* Children of critical workers

5.2 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 on our remote learning curriculum website page

<https://www.staindrop-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-curriculum/remote-learning/>

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

These will be able to be picked up from outside the school front doors on a weekly basis/ a voucher may be provided to families via email.

5.3 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 email or by phone via the school office: 01833 660334

swhelerton@staindropce.co.uk

charland@staindropce.co.uk

Deputy DSL:

ldavidson@staindropce.co.uk

mbowman@staindropce.co.uk

kallen@staindropce.co.uk

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy 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 and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
* Encourage attendance
* Provide support to the family from out PSA Rachel Stevens
* 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