

COVID-19: outbreak management plan



Updated September 2021

Currently in place across the school for the autumn term:

We will be continuing with some of our risk assessment precautions:

1. Primary and secondary pupils will continue to enter the school through the side gate and wash their hands on entry.
2. Extra cleaning throughout the day in communal areas of the school
3. encouraging hand washing
4. keeping extra cleaning equipment in rooms to clean surfaces as needed; and wipe over surfaces between classes.
5. ventilation as much as possible (more restricted in colder weather)
6. hand gel available in all rooms
7. disposable facemasks available in all rooms to use as needed
8. visitors to wear masks when in proximity to others, until further notice
9. Adults to wear facemasks when attending to personal care or working very close to child.
10. Recommend that children wear facemasks on school transport.
11. Staff are testing regularly
12. Encouraging families to home test

Primary, secondary and sixth form are separated for most of the week.

Secondary pupils will be split into two groups from September for break and lunchtimes.

We have recommended that parents ask their child to wear facemasks on school transport for term 1.

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These extra measures will be implemented in the event of a regional increase in Covid rates or risks, as advised by Swindon public health; or due to National DfE/ PH advice. Parents and staff will be informed of any extra measures in place in advance.

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 (SBC), 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. 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. We will recommend that teachers will test twice weekly at home.

We are currently not intending to test in school due to the anxieties of our pupils.

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing: It will be available to secondary and Sixth Form pupils only, twice weekly; only available to those whose parents have sent in written agreement; and we will not pressure pupils into having the test if they want to refuse.

3. Face coverings

Currently visitors are asked to wear face masks and keep them on whilst in the school buildings in proximity to other.

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

Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain; and 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
- Educational visits
- External agencies coming into school, including regular support workers.

6. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section. ***Currently pupils under 18 will not need to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for covid. If school identifies the pupil or staff member as a close contact, such as travelling on the same school bus during the transmission period, then we will ask for that parent to keep their child at home to self-isolate and school will provide work for them.***

6.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the case of an enforced closure due to high incidence of covid in the school, or following National guidelines, then we will stay open for, in order of priority:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils
- All primary pupils
- Then any pupil who has no symptoms of illness.

6.2 Education and support for pupils at home

Any pupils who will be required to stay at home, 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 expectations, as cited on our website.

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

6.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and the summer holidays to those that need it most.

We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.

6.4 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.

Any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school on 01793 332400, and ask for a member of the safeguarding team.

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

If your child is not attending during a lockdown period, we will visit your home to reassure ourselves that your child is safe, if we do not have regular contact with your child, e.g. they do not attend to remote learning.