

# Outbreak Management Plan

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To be reviewed in line with Government changes and guidelines

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### 1. Introduction

This plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 and the schools operational guidance from step 4, published 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:

- 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)
- 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. Leadership Team will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or local public health office.

### 3. Testing

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

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing we will:

- Ensure that testing site is secure and appropriate and it is manned with experience, trained staff
- Ensure that it is well stocked so it can be mobilized quickly if required
- Ensure that the school remains will stocked with LFD tests in case there is a requirement to increase home testing

#### **4. Face coverings**

If recommended, students, 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, such as in communal areas

And/or:

- 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

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. Other measures**

Parents, carers, students and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures.

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups

#### **7. Attendance restrictions**

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

##### **7.1 Eligibility to remain in school**

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable students
- Children of critical workers
- Year 10 and 11 students
- Year 12 and 13 students
- Any other students due to take external exams this academic year

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

- Vulnerable students
- Children of critical workers

## **7.2 Education and support for students at home**

All other students 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 students would receive in school, as outlined in Remote Education Provision on the school website.

The school will continue to provide meals for students who are in receipt of free school meals either on site or with vouchers or food parcels for those are isolating or the school is restricting attendance.

## **7.3 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.

## **7.4 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) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by email:

[wellbeing@burgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@burgate.hants.sch.uk) or by phone: 01425 652039

If you cannot contact anyone at school call Hampshire Social Services:0300 555 1386 or in the event of emergency call 999.

Wellbeing calls will be made regularly in response to any concerns by staff to ensure that students are safe and well at home.

## **7.5 Transport**

Transport services to education settings will continue to be provided as normal where students are attending education settings. The guidance on transport to schools during the COVID-19 pandemic remains in place.

## **7.6 Covid-19 Risk Assessment**

The school will continue to update its Covid-19 Risk Assessment in line with national guidance.

The risk assessment will be update in the event of:

- Changes to National Guidance
- Updates on Covid-19 Roadmap
- Local outbreaks
- School Related Outbreaks
- Variants of Concern

## **8. Cleaning**

The school will continue to follow robust cleaning regimes. Hand sanitisers will remain around school and each classroom will have a cleaning station.

Following the identification of a person with Covid-19 symptoms site team will clean and disinfect the area concerned and fog if appropriate. Potentially contaminated high-contact areas i.e. toilets, door handles, rails will also be done.

In the event of a Variant of Concern or local outbreak cleaning will be enhanced further.

### **8.1 Waste**

All waste from possible cases and testing centre should be doubled bagged and tied securely. It should then be store safely for 72 hours and then disposed of in the normal way.

### **8.2 Infection Prevention and Control Precautions**

Infection Prevention and Control Precautions will continue to be implemented:

- Good hand hygiene – wash or sanitise regularly
- Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues (or crook of the elbow if no tissues available)
- Dispose of tissues promptly in waste bin and then perform hand hygiene