Oaktree Nursery and Primary School

Outbreak Management Plan: September 2021

# 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, 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 (DoPH), 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)

For most settings it will make sense to think about taking extra action if the number of positive cases substantially increases. This is because it could indicate transmission is happening in the setting. The thresholds, detailed below, can be used by settings as an indication for when to seek public health advice if they are concerned. For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

• 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;

• 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

**All settings should seek public health advice if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19. They can do this by phoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687, option 1), or in line with other local arrangements. Hospitalisation could indicate increased severity of illness or a new variant of concern. Settings may be offered public health support in managing risk assessments and communicating with staff and parents**

# 2. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list (SPL)](https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list).

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:

* Open days
* Transition or taster days
* Parents coming into school
* Live performances

# 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 (as defined by Government Guidance)
* Children of critical workers
* All 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 Education Strategy which is available on the school website.

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

4.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities during term time, this has not been deemed to be viable and is currently not available. The school continues to monitor the level of need and how to offer this safely.

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.

There will always be a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site whilst the school is open whenever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy DSLs) can’t be on site, they can be contacted on the following email addresses or phone numbers;

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