



# COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Wellgate Primary School ~ September 2021

## 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](#), 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. 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. Cathryn Egginton (Headteacher) will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or by contacting the Barnsley Local Public Health Team

## 3. 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.

## 4. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- 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**

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

If further 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 in our Remote Learning Policy – October 2020

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

Food parcels will be ordered through Barnsley Catering Services and upon delivery (usually within 2 days). Parents/Carers will be asked to collect from school, if appropriate.

### **5.3 After School Clubs**

We will limit access to after-school activities during term time to those that need it most.

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

## 5.4 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 (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely through the school email – [wellgateprimary@ecmtrust.co.uk](mailto:wellgateprimary@ecmtrust.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.

See Appendix one for further detailed information for Parents/Carers and School Community.

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When should my child self-isolate or miss school?	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill</li> <li>From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid</li> <li>Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative</li> </ul>
	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test</li> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test</li> <li>If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test</li> </ul>
Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases	<p>*There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days</p> <p>*Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.</p> <p>*Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low</p>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminding children of good hand-hygiene</li> <li>Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical</li> <li>Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test)</li> <li>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September (This will be reviewed in line with Government guidance)</li> </ul>
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<p>No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...</p> <p>*Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools</p> <p>*Barnsley Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; handwashing supervised</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reduced</li> <li>Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies</li> <li>Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line Managers to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups)</li> </ul>

<p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<p>*A single child tests positive for Covid in a class</p> <p>*There are fewer than five (5) cases in the year group</p> <p>*No other year groups are affected</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child self-isolates for 10 days</li> <li>• Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in the Remote Learning Policy</li> <li>• The Parents/Carers of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts</li> <li>• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test</li> <li>• The school will contact Parents/Carers to advise this if close contacts are known</li> <li>• Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms</li> </ul>
<p>Five (5) children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Three (3) children or staff in a single Class/Club (or Resource Base) within 10 days</p>	<p>*There have been five (5) cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children</p>	<p>As above for each positive case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with Barnsley Public Health and may agree to further strengthen protective measures for a period, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas</li> <li>▪ Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances</li> <li>▪ Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms</li> <li>▪ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across</li> <li>▪ Facilitate twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Covid cases within school continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Barnsley Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-introducing class bubbles</li> <li>▪ Reverting to class-based school lunches</li> <li>▪ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school</li> <li>▪ Postponing all non-essential events</li> <li>▪ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days, as the Remote Learning Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

The school will inform Parents/Carers of any changes to Covid measures should this be required.