

The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great

Believe and Achieve



COVID-19: outbreak management plan

To be reviewed by July 2023

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 (LA), director of public health (DPH), 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. 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.

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Other educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school for meetings or events
- Live performances
- Lettings
- Face to face activities, events or training
- Extra curricular clubs

The addendums relating to COVID-19 will be put into place for the relevant policies in the event of this plan being triggered and therefore these policies will remain with addendums until there is no longer a need for this policy.

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
- Children of critical workers as per our MIS data collection – it is a parent's responsibility to keep this information updated with the school if their job role changes
- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 pupils (in this order)

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

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers as per our MIS data collection – it is a parent's responsibility to keep this information updated with the school if their job role changes

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 learning policy and procedure that can be found on our school website.

The school will continue to provide lunch parcels or vouchers for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. Parents should collect these food parcels from school when an email is sent to them letting them know they're available.

4.3 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.

4.4 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 – where this is not possible, one will be on call as well as one being contactable through the Little way Partnership of Catholic Schools. This is detailed in the Safeguarding Policy.

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