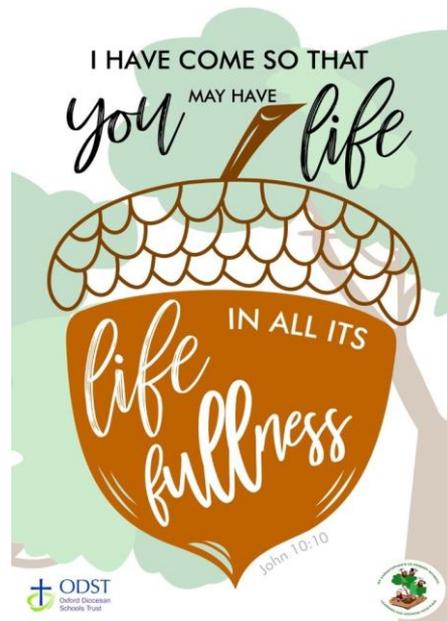




COVID-19: Outbreak management plan

St Christopher's Primary School Cowley



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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 (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)

With reference to updated guidance from DfE in the [Contingency Framework \(updated December 2021\)](#), extra measures will be considered if one of these thresholds are met:

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

If one of these thresholds are met, we will review and reinforce the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures we already have in place. The school will:

Discuss the outbreak with Oxfordshire Public Health and agree to strengthen protective measures for 10 school days, including:

- Emphasising with staff, and visitors, need to wear face masks in corridors and communal areas and if meeting in an enclosed space.
- Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
- Reducing staff room capacity.
- Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms, or outside.
- Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
- Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing (if not already in place).

If, despite these measures, cases continue to rise rapidly, with multiple classes affected the school will:

- Contact Oxfordshire Public Health to agree further measures for 10 school days.
- Re-introducing class bubbles.
- Reverting to class-based school lunches.
- Considering if any activities could take place outdoors.
- Checking ways to improve ventilation indoors.
- Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
- Postponing all non-essential events.
- Consider remote learning for individual classes.
- Recommend staff increase use of lateral flow testing.
- If offered as part of an enhanced response package or identified as in an enduring transmission area, confirm with Directors of Public Health if the introduction of onsite lateral flow testing should be considered.

- Consider if one-off enhanced cleaning of any identified areas is required.

The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID measures, should these be needed. If a pupil, child or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19, we will seek public health advice by phoning DfE helpline (0800 046 8687, option 1), or in line with other local arrangements.

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
- 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
- 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

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 [SCC Information about remote education](#) and [SCC Remote Learning Policy](#).

Work for Years 4, 5 and 6 will be on Google Classroom. Work for Years R, 1, 2 & 3 will be on PurpleMash. Nursery will set activities via a Private Facebook Group.

The school will continue to provide Wonde food 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

Working with our wraparound care provider 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.

If our DSLs are not on site they can be contacted via email or mobile :

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