

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

St Augustine's Priory School



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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, 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), directors of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

The Government has made it a national priority for schools to continue to operate normally during the COVID-19 pandemic whilst recognising that implementing certain measures may be necessary. It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school. Actions will be considered when either of the following thresholds are met:
 - There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
 - 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period
- 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

The purpose of this contingency plan is to ensure the safety and health of pupils and staff at St Augustine's Priory by managing the risk of COVID-19, minimising disruption and ensuring the maximum number of pupils benefit from high quality, face-to-face education.

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. Mr James Philpott/Miss Leah Masih/Mrs Ruth Finnegan will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) and/or Ealing School's Health Advisor, Raj Chowdhury Tel: 020 8825 7287 / Mobile: 07568 130 165.

We will continue to log positive cases with Ealing Council as follows:

Nursery and Prep I:

children@ealing.gov.uk and enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Prep II - Priory 6:

publichealth@ealing.gov.uk

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 remote working or learning.

4. Other measures

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via Parentmail once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit:

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

If recommended and/or considered, we may do all or some of the following:

- Introduce testing, including the use of an asymptomatic test site (ATS) for Junior School pupils
- Maintain recommendation for a minimum of twice-weekly testing amongst Senior School pupils and additional testing for close contacts
- Reintroduce Senior/Junior and general Year-Group bubbles, to minimise mixing between groups
- Isolate a specific year group in a particular part of the school or stagger times for specific events (eg lunch)
- Maintain the recommendation for wearing face coverings in communal areas/corridors (unless exempt)
- Reintroduce the recommendation for wearing of face-coverings in 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

If 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

5.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care 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 or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

If our DSL (or deputies) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely. All parents and staff will be notified by email of contact details. The SLT Duty Mobile phone is 07789 085205. The Safeguarding team can be reached at:

Mrs M George (DSL)	07496 837 225
Mrs K Mackay (Deputy DSL Juniors)	07701 008 187
Miss L Keane (Deputy DSL Juniors)	07946 382 567

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

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where applicable, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Make sure vulnerable pupils can access appropriate education and support while at home
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision