



# St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Outbreak Management COVID plan

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# 1. Introduction

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. Step 4 marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses and a booster by December.

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

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 (5 or more positive cases within 10 days in a class or 10% of the entire 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)

## Control measures

### We will:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Visitors to be asked to wear masks while in school.
5. Parents and visitors advised to take a LFT before entering school.
6. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If there is an outbreak then we will revert back to our previous COVID risk assessment procedures, which can be found on <https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/remote-learning-provision-and-covid-1/>

## 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
- › Educational trips
- › Sharing the Learning 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:

- › All pupils but reintroduce 'bubbles' and further restrictions using our COVID risk assessment

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 Further Information Guide, which can be found <https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/remote-learning-provision-and-covid-1/>

The school will continue to provide lunch parcels 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 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 DSL can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by emailing [safeguarding@stethelbertsschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stethelbertsschool.co.uk)