

# Outbreak Plan Guidance for Grazeley Primary School

## OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The below considerations should be included in a step up and down process in response to extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 (variant of concern VoC) with PHE Guidance to implement local contingency arrangements if there is a suspected or confirmed outbreak.

At Grazeley, we would take extra action if the number of positive case substantially increases. This is because it could indicate transmission happening within the school. The threshold, detailed below, is to be used as an indication for when to seek public health advice:

*5 children or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for Covid-19 within a 10 day period.*

Considerations	What to do
<p><b>The school will work closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority team and gain direct approval before implementing restrictive measures of the kind set out in the contingency framework.</b></p> <p><b>Any measures will be kept under review and should be lifted as soon as the public health and scientific advice says it is appropriate to do so.</b></p>	
<b>Face coverings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Face coverings to be reintroduced for staff in all communal areas (unless exempt).</li> <li>b) Face coverings to be reintroduced for parents at drop off and collection times (unless exempt).</li> <li>c) Essential visitors and contractors to wear face covering at all times (unless exempt)</li> <li>d) Those who rely on lip reading or visual signals for communication, or communicate with or provide support to such individuals, are currently exempt from any requirement to wear face coverings but can, if they choose, wear transparent face coverings.</li> </ul>
<b>Limiting Contacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bubbles as follows: FS bubble, KS1 bubble, Lower KS2 bubble, Upper KS2 bubble</li> <li>b) Staff to be allocated to one bubble only. Plans in place for staff who currently cross bubbles to move to one bubble</li> <li>c) Start and finish times remain the same. FS car park gate (8.40am), Y5/6 car park gate (8.55am), Y1/2 main gate (8.40am) Y3/4 main gate (8.55am) No early drop off during this time.</li> <li>d) Lunch to be eaten in classrooms</li> <li>e) School trips to be cancelled</li> </ul>

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	<p>f) No whole school/Key stage assemblies. These will be delivered via video as previously.</p> <p>g) Parents, visitors and contractors not allowed in school unless urgent/essential. All visitors wear a face covering and follow covid protocols.</p> <p>h) Staff room closed and areas allocated for staff to have breaks within bubbles.</p> <p>i) Strict social distancing and one way system to be enforced.</p>
<p><b>Directed to Restrict Attendance</b></p>	<p>If there is significant concern that existing or recently introduced measures in an area have failed to mitigate community transmission, or that a more robust response is required to contain the outbreak of a variant of concern (VoC) it may be necessary to limit the number of children and young people in education or childcare settings through attendance restrictions.</p> <p><b><u>Primary schools</u></b></p> <p>The default position for primary schools (including reception classes) is to allow all pupils to attend.</p> <p>If attendance needs to be limited in primary schools, DfE/PH may advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that primary schools only allow vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children in reception, year 1 and year 2 to attend; or</li> <li>• that primary schools only allow vulnerable children and children of critical workers to attend</li> <li>• In these circumstances, high-quality remote education will be provided for all other pupils through Google Classroom.</li> <li>• Where it is appropriate to increase attendance, DfE will advise which groups should be prioritised for return.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Asymptomatic testing of staff</b></p>	<p>a) When a variant of COVID-19 is classed as a variant of concern, targeted “surge” testing will be ramped up in the area to help suppress and control any possible new cases and better understand any spread or emerging new variants.</p> <p>b) Staff will be asked to test using LFD tests daily before attending school.</p>
<p><b>Out-of-school settings and wraparound childcare</b></p>	<p>a) Get Active to reintroduce bubbles</p> <p>b) Grazeley After school clubs only to be continued if strictly in bubbles.</p>

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<b>Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils</b>	<p>Shielding was paused on 1 April, and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) are no longer advised to shield.</p> <p>Updated advice is for the group to continue taking extra precautions to protect themselves, and to follow the practical steps set out in the CEV guidance page to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus.</p> <p>Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should follow national guidance regarding formal shielding measures in place at the time. See guidance on <a href="#">who is at higher risk from coronavirus (clinically extremely vulnerable)</a> and <a href="#">Support pupils with medical conditions at school</a></p>
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