



## **Northfleet School for Girls**

# **COVID-19: outbreak management plan**

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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)

## 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 school visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

In addition should local case rates rise significantly we will consider re-introducing some or all of the following as required:

- Wearing of masks either in public spaces only or across the whole school (including in classrooms)
- Ceasing in person assemblies and reverting to online briefings
- Reverting to zoom based staff meetings and staff development
- Moving to year group based clubs and visits
- Reverting to Year group based break and lunch times
- Reverting to staggered starts and finishes

## 4. Remote Learning

We will continue to ensure that lesson tasks are posted on Google classroom to ensure that any isolating students are able to access appropriate learning.

Should the number of isolating students rise substantially, including whole cohorts, this will be enhanced to include video conferencing and live feedback.

Further detail is shown in our remote learning procedures on the school website.

## **5. 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 event of school closures 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 learning procedures on the school website.

The school will continue to provide Free School Meals facilities for all eligible students, either through vouchers or parcels as most appropriate at the time. We will write to eligible students/parents as the need arises.

### **4.3 Safeguarding**

In the event of a move to remote learning we will update our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective. This will include supporting online safety.

We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible and contactable through our usual procedures.

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely using normal school procedures.