



High Hesket CE School
COVID Outbreak Management Plan
September 2021

As part of the Department for Education's Schools COVID-19 operational guidance, schools are required to have contingency plans in place should an outbreak be identified within the setting:

"All education and childcare settings should already have contingency plans (sometimes called outbreak management plans) describing what they would do if children, pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19, or how they would operate if they were advised to reintroduce any measures described in this document to help break chains of transmission." (DfE Contingency Framework: education and childcare settings).

In the event of a suspected outbreak, school will first contact the local health protection team and/or the Department for Education. Dependent on the advice given, we may then choose to implement some, or all, of the measures below. A specific Outbreak Management Risk Assessment will also be produced and provided to all relevant parties.

Testing:

- If appropriate, increased regularity of lateral flow testing by staff will take place

Shielding

- Adherence to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding

Face coverings:

- Reintroduced in communal areas and in classrooms where social distancing is not possible
- Face coverings to be worn for all first aid activity, intimate care provision or any other relevant close contact activity
- Face coverings to be worn by all visitors to site, including parents at drop off or collection times
- All visitors, including parents collecting children, to be encouraged to wear face coverings whilst on site.

Mixing and bubbles:

- Reintroduction of year group bubbles
- Reduced movement of staff across bubbles where possible
- Use of staggered lunchtimes and reduced capacity in school hall
- Collective worship to return to remote provision only
- Reduced capacity in communal areas e.g. staff rooms and all face to face CPD to return to remote provision

Other measures:

- Essential visitors on site only
- Reinstatement of one-way system around school grounds at collection time
- Parental attendance on site limited
- Limiting of educational visits
- Postponement of any open / transition days
- Postponement of any performances requiring an audience

Attendance:

Restricting attendance to pupils will only be recommended as a last resort and will be done in consultation with the Local Authority.

If attendance restrictions are recommended, eligibility will follow the below criteria:

- Priority 1: Vulnerable pupils
- Priority 2: Children of critical workers
- Priority 3: Other specified year groups as identified according to the circumstances at the time

Staffing will be amended in accordance to the required ratios and risk assessment. A safeguarding lead / first aider will be available on site where possible and, when not on site, contactable by telephone. If pupils classed as 'vulnerable' are unable to attend, regular communication with school will take place.

If attendance is limited, remote learning will be provided for all pupils not in attendance in accordance with our Remote Education Policy (available on the school website). Free School Meal vouchers will be available to eligible families.