

Hurley Primary School

Outbreak Management Plan Version 1

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This plan outlines how Hurley Primary School will manage single cases and clusters of COVID-19 as well as how we would operate if we are required to reintroduce measures to prevent transmission.

A local outbreak is defined as 2 or more linked cases within a 14-day period.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-epidemiological-definitions-of-outbreaks-and-clusters>

Outbreaks can differ significantly regarding scale and significance from 2 linked cases in a group of children to multiple cases across the setting to outbreaks linked with new variants of concern. Whilst the measures used to manage outbreaks will be the same, the number of measures and extent of measures taken, alongside the degree to which they become necessary requirements will vary.

Triggers for Local Outbreak Management Plan Response

These local triggers will remain under review, and are defined below:

Setting raises concern about 2+ linked cases

3+ cases within a group in the setting within 5 days

5+ cases across a setting within 5 days

3+ staffing cases, or fewer if impacting on the capacity of the setting to operate

In the case of a local outbreak, we will work with the Local Authority, Public Health and Public Health England Health Protection Teams. Set out below are all the possible measures/mitigations that will be considered in the case of a local outbreak. The actual measures implemented will be determined jointly and based on the specific situation. They will also carefully balance the impact on children's access to early education and care with the need to minimise transmission.

Any measures will only ever be considered for the shortest time possible, to allow the outbreak to be managed and minimise transmission of COVID-19. In all cases measures / mitigations will only be implemented to prevent larger scale setting closure

Preventing Transmission

Our refreshed risk assessments include how vaccination and good hand hygiene will be promoted among staff and parents, how cleaning regimes and good ventilation will be maintained, and how we will operate from a social distancing perspective.

Children and staff who are unwell will be advised that they should not attend the setting. Any child or staff member with one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), irrespective of how mild, will be asked to isolate with their household and book a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We are aware of the range of less common symptoms of COVID-19: headache, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea and vomiting, and will take this into consideration in an outbreak scenario, and when we are seeing a larger number of COVID-19 cases.

Reporting Positive Cases

All confirmed PCR positive cases are reported to dphadmin@warwickshire.gov.uk and earlyyearsadvisors@warwickshire.gov.uk and OFSTED for Early years cases.

Close contacts will be identified and a letter sent out to parents stating latest guidance.

Close contact defined as anyone who has had following contact with positive individual

- Face to face contact for any length of time.
- Within 1 meter for 1 minute.
- Within 2 meters for 15 minutes or more (either as one off contact or over 15 minutes of shorter contact over 1 day.)
- Travel in same vehicle.
- All children in same classes or groups may be close contacts
- Contact trace for 2 days previous to date of symptoms or test.

Response to Positive Cases

Fully vaccinated adults and children under 18 years & 6 months do not have to isolate unless symptomatic or they test positive.

Parents and staff will be contacted and advised to get a PCR test alongside twice weekly LF tests.

Staff who have not been fully vaccinated more than 14 days clear today of contact with positive case will need to isolate for 10 days.

If there is more than one case in same class group in a short period of time, parents will be contacted, and a second PCR test may be recommended 4-7 days after notification.

Reintroduction of Measures

It may be necessary for the school to reintroduce 'consistent groups' for a temporary period to reduce mixing between classes.

Face coverings may be worn in communal areas by staff, parents and visitors.

It may be necessary to reintroduce isolation periods for children/staff who have been a close contact.

We may need to limit access to parents and careers into the school grounds.

If shielding is reintroduced by the government, we will need to assess the impact on staffing ratios.

As a last resort we may need to introduce attendance restrictions. We will provide high quality remote education for all children. Priority for school attendance will be given to vulnerable children, and children of critical workers.

Where attendance restrictions are in place, we will be vigilant and responsive to all safeguarding threats with the aim of keeping vulnerable children safe.

Where staffing capacity is impacting on our ability to open fully, we will follow the principles outlined in the attendance restrictions.