

Drayton Manor COVID Outbreak Management Plan

Introduction

The Government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. The DfE's published COVID Contingency Framework states that schools should have an "outbreak management plan", outlining how they would operate if any of the measures described in the guidance were recommended for their setting or area.

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- if there is extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- as part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC)

In these cases, the Guidance also states that councils, directors of public health and Public Health England health protection teams can recommend certain measures for individual schools or clusters of settings.

If there is a need to address more widespread issues across an area, "ministers will take decisions on an area-by-area basis".

This plan should be read alongside the latest guidance for education settings operating during COVID (this is not an exhaustive list and these documents change frequently so the reader should check they have the most up to date guidance).

- actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 outbreak
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>
- Schools COVID-19 operational guidance
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>
- protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the COVID-19 pandemic
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/covid-19-actions-for-out-of-school-settings>
- contingency framework: education and childcare settings
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf



Scenario 1 – Single Confirmed COVID Case

If there is one case identified in school the following steps will be taken in line with the latest guidance:

- School will liaise with Public Health passing on the relevant information
- School will follow their local Authority reporting guidance
- Consideration will be given to transport and visitor contacts
- Remote learning plan to be implemented for those isolating
- School Covid Risk Assessment to be evaluated in light of any learning from new case

Scenario 2 – Outbreak Within Setting

The definition of an outbreak in a non-residential setting is:

Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with a specific non-residential setting with illness onset dates within 14 days, and one of the following:

- identified direct exposure between at least 2 of the test-confirmed cases in that setting (for example under one metre face to face, or spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres) during the infectious period of one of the cases
- when there is no sustained local community transmission - absence of an alternative source of infection outside the setting for the initially identified cases

An outbreak is deemed to last 28 days from the last positive diagnosis.

The best way to avoid an outbreak in a setting is to ensure preventative measures are in place. Within all settings the following will be in place:

- A risk assessment for each setting that reflects the current Government Guidance
- Appropriate PPE will be provided and worn in line with Guidance
- Hand sanitiser will be freely available
- Staff who can work from home will do so
- The Drayton Manor COVID Response will be followed
- LFT testing will be available for staff, visitors and secondary pupils

Should an outbreak be identified the following steps will be undertaken:

- School will liaise with Public Health passing on the relevant information
- Schools will follow their LA guidance for notification
- In collaboration with Public Health and the Leadership Team a decision will be made as to whether school can remain open
- DfE will be informed if the school is to close
- LA will be informed if the school is to close
- In liaison with Public Health, if the school is a test site, on site testing will be reinstated
- Remote learning plan will be implemented
- External visits to the school will stop until deemed safe
- School COVID Risk Assessment will be evaluated in light of any learning from new cases



Scenario 3 – The setting is affected by a package of Local or National measures

The COVID situation is ever changing as are the directed responses. Settings will work with the Trust to ensure that they implement any Local or National restrictions and guidance. Schools will work in collaboration with professionals to limit the impact on education delivery. This will include working with the following:

- Parents/carers
- Pupils
- Public Health
- Local Authority
- Social Care
- DfE

The following plans are in place to support the continued delivery of education under local or National measures:

Testing:

- Drayton Manor will distribute LFD tests.
- Drayton Manor is a registered test centre. We have set up a regional approach to provide Covid secure testing for those who do not work on a test site.
- The test site ensures that they remain well stocked.
- Drayton Manor ensures they remain well stocked with LFD tests in case there is a requirement to increase home testing

Face Coverings:

- Should face coverings be recommended, schools will amend their RA in line with the cohort of pupils they have

Shielding:

- Should shielding be reintroduced, those on the shielded patient list will be supported to follow guidance. If this is a pupil, then the remote learning plan would be implemented. Shielding staff will be supported to work from home and measures put in place to support their wellbeing.
- This is a regularly updated document which sets out the expectations of visits, visitors, trips, training and home visits.



Contingency Framework: Education and Childcare Settings (DFE, August 2021)

- Where pupils have EHCPs and cannot attend school a risk assessment will be undertaken to assess if they are safer at home or in school.

Safeguarding:

- There are two DSL's on site, who has responsibility for coordinating safeguarding and remote support.
- Wellbeing calls will be made regularly (in line with individual pupil risk assessments) to ensure that pupils are safe and well at home.

Meals:

- Meals will continue to be provided for those on site, those in receipt of free school meals who are not on site will either be provided with vouchers or food for the time the pupil is isolating, or the school is restricting attendance.

IT Access:

- As part of the school remote learning plan, details will be held of who requires a device to be provided. These will be available to be collected from school or, if there is prior warning, they will be distributed prior to class/school closures.
- Part of the wellbeing calls will be to monitor this provision and pupil access to the remote learning so that support can be given as required.