



# Danesfield School

## COVID 19 Contingency Plan

### **The Government states that:**

“The Government has made it a national priority that education settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- As part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC)
- Extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community
- To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

All education and childcare settings are required to 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”.

Danesfield School will endeavour to keep any measures to the minimum number of groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible. Any measures will be kept under regular review and lifted as soon as the evidence supports doing so. Measures affecting access to face to face teaching will not be considered in isolation, but as part of a broader package of measures. Attendance restrictions will only ever be considered as a last resort and will only be taken after collaboration with Buckinghamshire Public Health and our Governors.

### **Thresholds**

Additional measures will be considered if the number of positive cases substantially increases. This is because it could indicate transmission is happening. The Government thresholds, detailed below, will be used as an indication for when to seek Public Health advice.

For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

Identifying a group that is likely to have mixed closely could include:

- A class
- A friendship group mixing at break times
- A group in an after-school activity

All settings are required to seek Public Health advice if a pupil or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19.

**If either of the above thresholds are reached, all existing measures in place will be immediately reviewed, reinforced and added to if necessary.**

**Danesfield COVID 19 Contingency Measures Plan**  
**(consideration will include the measures below but may also include additional measures if appropriate)**

<b><i>Measure</i></b>	<b><i>How we would ensure every child receives the quantity and quality of education and support to which they are normally entitled</i></b>	<b><i>How we would communicate changes to children, parents, carers and staff</i></b>
<p><b>Enhanced/increased lateral flow testing.</b>  All staff and adult visitors requested to undertake regular/increased lateral flow tests</p>	No impact on pupil learning	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Email sent to all parents/carers</p>
<p><b>Use of face coverings for all adults in communal areas and/or classrooms.</b>  All staff and adult visitors requested to wear masks in communal areas and/or in classrooms. Clear masks provided for classroom staff to limit impact on pupils.</p>	No impact on pupil learning	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Email sent to all parents/carers</p>
<p><b>Postponement/cancellation of additional activities.</b>  * School trips  * Residential trips  * Open days  * Transition days  * Parental attendance in school  * Live performances in school</p>	<p>Where at all possible the activity will be moved online to limit the impact on learning.  Some events may not be able to happen but alternative learning opportunities will be sought at either the same time or later in the academic year to lessen the impact on learning.</p>	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Email sent to affect parents/carers.</p>
<p><b>Shielding.</b>  Shielding is currently paused. In the event of a major outbreak or variant that poses a significant risk to individuals on the shielded patient list (SPL), ministers could agree to reintroduce shielding. School will make sure that our contingency plans cover this possibility. Shielding can only be reintroduced by national government.</p>	<p>If the member of staff involved is classroom based, where possible an alternative member of staff will be deployed to cover their duties and therefore minimising the impact on learning.  Where possible/appropriate, remote access will be utilised to provide regular teaching and/or contact while the member of staff is absent from school.</p>	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Pupils will be notified by a known member of staff and support will be put into place where required to support any concerns.</p> <p>Communication sent to parents/carers via email including details of cover in place.</p>
<p><b>Reintroduce 'Bubbles' to reduce mixing between groups</b>  Year groups where cases are high will be organised back into bubbles to prevent the spread to other year groups.  Where there are a high level of cases in the whole school, we will organise all classes back into bubbles.</p>	No impact on pupil learning	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Email sent to parents/carers where their child is affected.</p>
<p><b>Attendance restrictions/part school closures.</b>  Working in collaboration with Public Health England and where other measures are not effective, parts of the school or the whole school may need to temporarily close due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff absence reaching too high a threshold for the school to continue to run safely.</li> <li>- To prevent the spread of infection effecting the whole school and break chains of transmission.</li> </ul>	<p>Teaching will be moved online and we will deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school, through Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p>Online meeting held for all staff and written communication sent as a follow-up.</p> <p>Email sent to parents/carers where their child is affected.</p>