



*This Outbreak Management Plan supplements the document  
"Managing Covid-19 in schools from March 2022 – Risk Assessment".*

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DfE	Department for Education
DHSC	Department for Health and Social Care
UKHSA	United Kingdom Health and Safety Agency
LHPT	Local Health Protection Team (Local PHE teams)
NHS	National Health Service
LCC	Leeds City Council
HSWT	LCC Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team

## 1. Introduction

The government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education and childcare to all children and young people as we learn to live safely with COVID-19.

Given the protections the country has built through vaccinations and new treatments, England is now in a position to move into a new phase of managing COVID-19.

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

- to help manage severe operational impacts or identified health risks of a COVID19 outbreak within a setting,
- as part of a package of measures responding to a variant of concern (VoC) or to extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community,
- to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS.

This document is the Outbreak Management Plan for Prince Henry's Grammar School and outlines how we will operate if any of the measures described in this document below were recommended for our setting or area. This includes how we will ensure every student receives the quantity and quality of education and care to which they are normally entitled.

## 2. Principles

### 2.1 Prioritising education.

The impacts of having missed education during the pandemic are severe for children, young people and adults. In all cases, any benefits in managing transmission will be weighed against any educational drawbacks. In making decisions we will endeavour to keep any

measures to the minimum number of groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

We will keep all measures under regular review, and lift them as soon as the evidence supports doing so. Measures affecting education and childcare settings across an area will not be considered in isolation, but as part of a broader package of measures.

We will only consider attendance restrictions as a last resort. Under normal circumstances neither contacts nor siblings of positive cases will be asked to isolate. Where measures include attendance restrictions, we will contact the Department for Education (DfE) and / or our Local Health Protection Team in conjunction with LCC for advice on any groups that should be prioritised.

The government have advised they will try to give as much notice as possible of any changes to the way settings should operate.

## **2.2 Collaboration and guidance.**

We recognise that multi-agency collaboration and communication is important in ensuring consistency in approach across England wherever issues occur, so that no group of children, pupils or students is unfairly disadvantaged. We understand that LCC, their Director of Public Health and DfE's regional school commissioners will maintain close working relationships through their regional partnership teams (RPTs).

We recognise that where decisions about measures in education and childcare settings are made at a national level, DfE will work with the DHSC, NHS Test and Trace, the Chief Medical Officer, PHE and other government departments, as well as relevant local authorities and directors of public health.

We will continue to seek / follow the guidance from:

- DfE, DHSC, NHS and UKHSA
- The COVID-19 Contingency Framework
- LCC's Public Health, HSWT and Children's Services teams.

## **3. Managing potential outbreaks and contingency measures**

### **3.1 Managing Positive Cases.**

We will continue to manage positive cases amongst our school community by:

1. keeping records of positive student and staff cases and tracking potential outbreaks and substantial increases in positive cases,
2. notifying LCC of positive cases via the PCIF01 form,
3. contacting the DfE Helpline, LHPT and / or LCC HSWT if we need advice about isolated cases,
4. contacting the DfE Helpline and / or LCC HPT and HSWT for advice if we suspect we have an outbreak,
5. informing parents / carers and staff of positive cases via email.

We will use whichever of these thresholds is reached first as an indication for when we may have an outbreak:

- a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection,

- evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a student or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19,
- a cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group.

We will identify groups that are likely to have mixed closely using the guidance in Appendix B.

If any of the above thresholds are reached, we will review and reinforce the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures we already have in place and will consider:

- whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies or classes,
- ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort,
- one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment.

We will seek public health advice if a student or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19. We will do this by contacting the DfE Helpline and / or LCC HPT and HSWT for advice.

This plan outlines how we will operate if we are advised to instigate any of the measures below for our setting / area either locally or nationally by DfE, DHSC, PHE, NHS, or LCC. This plan covers:

- limiting attendance and moving to blended or remote learning,
- re-introducing bubbles,
- reinforcing communications around testing, widening testing or onsite testing centres,
- re-introducing face coverings,
- re-introducing measures for vulnerable pupils and staff,
- limiting residential educational visits, open days, transition or taster days, parental attendance, performances,
- free school meals if attendance is limited,
- safeguarding and designated safeguarding leads, and
- vulnerable children and young people.

### **3.2 Limiting Attendance.**

We will only consider attendance restrictions as a short-term measure and as a last resort and following DfE and / or public health advice in extreme cases of operational disruption to staffing or where other recommended measures have not mitigated against risks to face-to-face education. If attendance restrictions are advised across an area, we understand the government will publish detailed operational guidance for settings which we will follow.

We will continue to provide high-quality remote education for all students not attending site.

In all circumstances, we will give priority to vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers to attend to their normal timetables as far as possible.

### **3.3 Re-introducing Bubbles.**

If advised to re-instate bubbles by public health and / or DfE we will evaluate staffing and student needs and re-instate the bubbles and the control measures previously used in school to keep bubbles separate wherever possible (though taking account of the need to

implement revised arrangements for 'split breaks', given the different year group combinations which will operate at lunchtimes in 2021/22).

Details of our previous bubbles and control measures can be found on our website [here](#). However, these would be re-published to take account of any changes required (e.g. the location of year group tutor bases).

If it is not possible to re-instate the bubbles and control measures used previously, we will seek advice from our Local PHT, DfE and / or LCC HSWT if needed as to appropriate alternative bubbles and control measures for keeping bubbles separate.

### **3.4 Reinforcing communications, widening testing or on site testing centres.**

If advised to by public health or DfE we will communicate with staff and parents / carers to communicate the importance of testing and/or re-instate an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) and / or increase the use of home testing by staff and students.

### **3.5 Re-introducing face coverings.**

If advised to by public health or DfE we will temporarily re-instate the wearing of face coverings and this may include communal areas and/or classrooms for staff, students and visitors. We will follow previous exemptions for their use and any educational drawbacks in the recommended use of face coverings will be balanced with the benefits in managing transmission.

### **3.6 Re-introducing shielding.**

Shielding is currently removed. In the event of a major outbreak or Variant of Concern (VoC) that poses a significant risk to individuals on the shielded patient list (SPL), we understand that shielding can only be reintroduced by national government.

If this occurs, we will identify our staff and students who are on the shielding list and review their individual risk assessments to determine if it is safe for them to be in school, if they should be working / learning from home and / or if there are any other control measures required.

### **3.7 Limiting residential educational visits, open days, transition or taster days, performances, and parental / visitor attendance on site.**

**Educational Visits** - we will seek / follow the advice from public health, DfE and / or LCC HSWT to determine if visits are safe and appropriate to undertake or need postponing in the event of a VoC to manage severe operational impacts or identified health risks of a COVID-19 outbreak. We will reflect any attendance restrictions in the visit's risk assessment and only children who are attending the setting will go on an educational visit.

**Open days, transition events and performances** - we will seek / follow the advice from public health, DfE and / or LCC Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team to determine if activities are safe and appropriate to undertake or need postponing in the event of a VoC, to manage severe operational impacts or identified health risks of a COVID-19 outbreak. We will assess if the activities can be done virtually / remotely without onsite attendance from visitors.

**Parental / visitor attendance on site** - in the event of a VoC, to manage severe operational impacts or identified health risks of a COVID-19 outbreak we may limit access to the site for parents/carers and visitors to essential visits only.

### **3.8 Free school meals if attendance is limited.**

If attendance is limited we will provide assistance to children eligible for free school meals who are not able to attend site via a voucher system.

### **3.9 Safeguarding and designated safeguarding leads.**

If attendance is limited we will work with our local safeguarding partners to be vigilant and responsive to all safeguarding threats with the aim of keeping vulnerable children and young people safe, particularly as more children and young people will be learning remotely. We will continue to have regard to any statutory safeguarding guidance that applies to us and will review our child protection policy so that it reflects any local restrictions and remains effective.

We will endeavour to ensure a trained DSL (or deputy) is available on site. Where this is not possible we will ensure that we have a senior leader on site who will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding. We will also have a trained DSL (or deputy) available to be contacted via phone or online video.

### **3.10 Vulnerable children and young people.**

Where vulnerable children and young people are absent and should be attending, we will:

- follow up with the parent or carer, working with LCC and social worker (where applicable), to explore the reason for absence and discuss their concerns,
- encourage the child or young person to attend educational provision, working with LCC and social worker (where applicable), particularly where the social worker and the Virtual School Head (where applicable) agrees that the child or young person's attendance would be appropriate,
- focus the discussions on the welfare of the child or young person and ensuring that the child or young person is able to access appropriate education and support while they are at home, and
- have in place procedures to maintain contact, ensure they can access remote education support, as required, and regularly check if they are doing so.

If we must temporarily stop onsite provision on public health or DfE advice, we will discuss alternative arrangements for vulnerable children and young people with LCC.

## **4. Risk Assessment and action plan.**

### **4.1 Risk Assessment.**

If we need to instigate any of the measures in this plan, we will amend our current Covid-19 risk assessment by amending each section on the risk assessment where relevant. We will publish the amended risk assessment on our school website [here](#).

### **4.2 Action Plan.**

Appendix A below details our action plan to support the different measures in this Outbreak Management Plan.



## **Appendix A – Action Plan for the measures in the Outbreak Management Plan**

<b>Measure required</b>	<b>How we will action</b>	<b>SLT Lead(s) for each action</b>
Limiting attendance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify students eligible to attend and first aid / medical / SEND needs.</li> <li>2. Identify staff needed on site.</li> <li>3. Identify staff to undertake remote learning.</li> <li>4. Discuss with our catering team any catering changes needed.</li> <li>5. Instigate scheme for students eligible for free school meals who are not attending site.</li> <li>6. Inform dedicated home to school transport providers of any students they usually transport who will not be attending site.</li> <li>7. Identify any vulnerable children and young people not attending and put in place arrangements for support.</li> <li>8. Identify whether DSL are on site / working remotely. In the absence of a DSL on site identify a senior leader on site who will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding.</li> <li>9. Inform LCC via DCS Alert <a href="mailto:DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk">DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>10. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TEP</li> <li>2. CKS / SFJ</li> <li>3. CKS / WSC</li> <li>4. LNC</li> <li>5. TEP</li> <li>6. RMC</li> <li>7. TEP</li> <li>8. TEP</li> <li>9. TEP</li> <li>10. LNC</li> </ol>
Bubbles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify bubbles and control measures to keep them separate following previous groupings / controls, where appropriate.</li> <li>2. Assess and identify any alternative / additional controls required.</li> <li>3. Re-implement whole-school and subject-specific protocols for enhanced cleaning / quarantining / “bubbling” of equipment, sanitising work areas between users, etc</li> <li>4. Discuss with our catering team any catering changes needed.</li> <li>5. Provide signage if re-introducing separate entrances etc...</li> <li>6. Inform LCC via DCS Alert <a href="mailto:DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk">DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>7. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CKS / LNC</li> <li>2. LNC</li> <li>3. LNC</li> <li>4. LNC</li> <li>5. LNC</li> <li>6. TEP</li> <li>7. LNC</li> </ol>
Re-instating or widening testing – increasing home testing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify staff and / or student groups who will be asked to carry out home testing.</li> <li>2. Identify contractors and visitors who may be asked to carry out home testing e.g agency staff, catering, cleaning staff, transport staff and regular volunteers.</li> <li>3. Identify how test results will be notified to school and recorded and by whom.</li> <li>4. Ensure adequate supplies of tests.</li> <li>5. Inform LCC via DCS Alert <a href="mailto:DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk">DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>6. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TEP / SFJ</li> <li>2. TEP / SFJ</li> <li>3. RMC</li> <li>4. RMC</li> <li>5. TEP</li> <li>6. LNC</li> </ol>
Re-instating or widening testing – on site test centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify a suitable area for re-instated or expanded on site testing.</li> <li>2. Set up as previously following UKHSA guidance on the school's portal.</li> <li>3. Ensure adequate supplies of tests, PPE and cleaning products.</li> <li>4. Train / re-fresh training for staff working in the test site.</li> <li>5. Inform LCC via DCS Alert <a href="mailto:DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk">DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>6. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RMC</li> <li>2. RMC / LNC</li> <li>3. RMC</li> <li>4. RMC</li> <li>5. TEP</li> <li>6. LNC</li> </ol>
Face coverings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify areas face coverings should be worn.</li> <li>2. Identify staff, students and regular visitors / contractors who should wear face coverings.</li> <li>3. Obtain a supply of face coverings as a backup in case people forget.</li> <li>4. Remind users how to safely use face coverings.</li> <li>5. Put up signage at entrances to remind people to wear a face covering.</li> <li>6. Inform LCC via DCS Alert <a href="mailto:DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk">DCSAlert@leeds.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>7. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SFJ / LNC</li> <li>2. SFJ / LNC</li> <li>3. LNC</li> <li>4. LNC / PLs</li> <li>5. LNC</li> <li>6. TEP</li> <li>7. LNC</li> </ol>

Re-introducing measures for vulnerable staff and pupils or shielding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify which staff and students now need additional measures or are now shielding (previous information will assist in this).</li> <li>2. Assess which staff and students will be able to be in school.</li> <li>3. Carry out or review the WASP / IPRA for staff and students who are vulnerable or shielding.</li> <li>4. Make arrangements for vulnerable or shielding persons to work / learn from home as necessary.</li> <li>5. Make arrangements for additional control measures if working / learning from the school site.</li> <li>6. Discuss with catering team any catering changes needed.</li> <li>7. Instigate scheme for students eligible for free school meals who are not attending site.</li> <li>8. Inform dedicated home to school transport providers of any students they usually transport who will not be attending site.</li> <li>9. Identify any vulnerable children and young people not attending and put in place arrangements for support.</li> <li>10. Identify whether DSL are on site / working remotely. In the absence of a DSL on site identify a senior leader on site who will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding.</li> <li>11. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>2. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>3. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>4. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>5. SFJ / TEP / LNC</li> <li>6. LNC</li> <li>7. TEP</li> <li>8. RMC</li> <li>9. TEP</li> <li>10. TEP</li> <li>11. LNC</li> </ol>
Remote Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify which students will need remote education.</li> <li>2. Identify which staff will deliver / oversee remote education.</li> <li>3. Instigate remote education systems.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WSC / PLs</li> <li>2. CKS / WSC</li> <li>3. WSC</li> </ol>
Parental / Visitor on site attendance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify what restrictions are needed and who it will affect.</li> <li>2. Amend Covid-19 risk assessment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LNC / SFJ</li> <li>2. LNC</li> </ol>
Educational Visits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess if it is still safe to carry out the visit / if it needs amending / needs cancelling or postponing.</li> <li>2. Assess and make arrangements for any new requirements for international travel and return to England.</li> <li>3. Identify which students and staff can attend if school attendance is restricted / shielding is in place.</li> <li>4. Amend the visit risk assessments or postpone / cancel the visit.</li> <li>5. Amend Evolve.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LNC / SFJ</li> <li>2. LNC</li> <li>3. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>4. LNC</li> <li>5. LNC</li> </ol>
On site Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess if it is still safe to carry out the event / if it needs amending / needs cancelling or postponing.</li> <li>2. Identify which students and staff can attend if school attendance is restricted / shielding is in place.</li> <li>3. Identify if parents / carers / visitors can attend.</li> <li>4. Assess if the activities can be done virtually / remotely without onsite attendance from visitors.</li> <li>5. Amend the event risk assessments or postpone / cancel the event.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LNC / SFJ</li> <li>2. SFJ / TEP</li> <li>3. LNC / SFJ</li> <li>4. LNC / SFJ</li> <li>5. LNC / SFJ</li> </ol>
<b>Communication / liaison</b> Responsibility for communicating / liaising with different stakeholders is as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff (oversight of all communications / consultation / liaison) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Decision to instigate Outbreak Management Plan; implementation of additional mitigation measures; staffing arrangements (associate staff)</li> <li>b. Changes to timetabling / rotas / staffing arrangements (teaching staff)</li> <li>c. Changes to arrangements for remote / onsite learning</li> <li>d. Changes to classroom protocols / risk assessment</li> <li>e. Changes to arrangements for testing</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Parents / carers</li> <li>3. Students</li> <li>4. Estates team / cleaning contractors</li> <li>5. Catering team</li> <li>6. Leeds City Council - DCS Alert</li> <li>7. Leeds City Council - vulnerable students</li> <li>8. Transport providers</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SFJ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SFJ</li> <li>b. CKS</li> <li>c. WSC</li> <li>d. LNC</li> <li>e. RMC</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. SFJ</li> <li>3. Progress Leaders</li> <li>4. LNC</li> <li>5. LNC</li> <li>6. TEP</li> <li>7. TEP</li> <li>8. RMC</li> </ol>

## **Appendix B – Guidance for identifying who has closely mixed for thresholds for action.**

Identifying a group that is likely to have mixed closely will be different for each setting.

**For schools,** this could include:

- a form group or subject class,
- a friendship group mixing at breaktimes,
- a sports team,
- a group in an after-school activity.