



**HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL**

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## COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan



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### 1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance from step 4](#), published by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by Camden Local Authority, Camden and Islington Public Health (CIPH), our director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- As part of a package of measures responding to a ‘variant of concern’ (VoC)

### 2. Testing

If recommended, we will increase the frequency of home testing by students and staff. If it is advised that we reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) at our school, we will consult with the director of public health (DsPH), Camden LA and CIPH to discuss any further support we need to do this.

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing we would reinstate the testing centre within our Sports Hall and conduct testing in line with guidance from public health bodies.

For example, we may conduct daily testing for targeted groups of students and staff, depending on the nature of the outbreak.

### 3. Face coverings

If recommended, students, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas.

*And/or:*

- Will be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity.

## 4. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

## 5. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups of students
- Social distancing measures, to reduce mixing between groups of staff

## 6. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

### 6.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable students
- Children of critical workers
- KS4 students
- KS5 students
- Any other students due to take external exams this academic year

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable students
- Children of critical workers

### 6.2 Education and support for students at home

All other students will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.

We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that students would receive in school, as outlined in our remote learning policy (available on the school website [here](#)).

The school will continue to provide WONDE vouchers for students eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

#### **6.4 Safeguarding**

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

Our safeguarding team can be contacted by emailing [safeguarding@hampsteadschool.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@hampsteadschool.org.uk).

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.