



Anglian Learning

Outbreak Management Plan

Linton Heights Junior School

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Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, published by the Department for Education (DfE). Anglian Learning will continue to seek guidance from:

- Public Health England (PHE)
- Local Authorities
- Confederation of School Trusts
- Anglian Learning School Risk Assessments
- National Government

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), Director of Public Health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government in the event of an outbreak

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)

As of 17th August DfE contingency planning advises the following threshold for reviewing and implementing outbreak management plans

- 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
- Single hospitalisation or death due to covid-19

2. Testing

Home Testing

Schools will continue to provide testing kits to staff for bi-weekly home testing. Additional use of home testing by staff may be advised and will be encouraged by schools e.g. if a staff member is a close contact of an infected individual they will LFT for seven days.

Evidence of negative test results may be requested for access to school sites for special events such as taster days or Meet the Teacher events.

3. Face coverings

If recommended, 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.

COVID-19 Risk Assessments will be updated in line with guidance and parents/carers will be informed of the reintroduction of face coverings.

Head of Operation staff will ensure that schools have sufficient stock of PPE including face masks.

School COVID-19 Risk Assessments still state that all visitors to school sites including parents and contractors are to wear face coverings at all times.

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.

Risk Assessments will be updated to include shielding and Anglian Learning will support individuals with remote working if required.

In January 2022, there was updated advice on pregnant women: Guidance is that pregnant staff (whatever their gestation) who are not fully vaccinated should work from home, wherever possible. For all pregnant staff whatever the stage of the pregnancy or vaccination status, please revisit risk assessments.

5. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

Residential educational visits: Risk Assessments for trips include COVID-19 procedures and are updated following national guidance. Educational Day Visits were able to resume from 12th April 2021. Any educational day visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-secure guidelines and regulations and a full risk assessment in relation to all educational visits must be undertaken to ensure they can be undertaken safely. As part of this risk assessment, schools will need to consider what control measures need to be used and follow wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. School Leaders should consult the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits.

Educational Day Visits will be reviewed and potentially postponed in the event of a Variant of Concern or government guidance.

Domestic Residential Educational Visits can be undertaken from 17th May 2021. Any domestic residential educational visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 guidance and regulations and risk assessments should be undertaken.

Domestic Residential Educational Visits will be reviewed and potentially postponed in the event of a Variant of Concern or outbreak

International Visits: The Government has now published red, amber and green list rules for entering England. Given the complexities attached to international travel at this stage of the pandemic, the Government recommends schools do not go on any international visits this academic year up to and including 5th September 2021. This advice stays in place for January 2022 (until the cessation of the government 'Plan B'. The position beyond 26th January 2022 will be reviewed again.

International Visits will be reviewed and potentially postponed in the event of a Variant of Concern.

Open days: In the event of a Variant of Concern, transitional, taster and open days will be managed through the completion of a thorough risk assessment in line with agreed system of controls and align with the advice contained from the Government roadmap out of lockdown.

Open days will be reviewed and potentially postponed/cancelled in the event of a Variant of Concern.

In the event of cancellation, remote transitional, taster and open days will be managed by school leaders.

- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

6. Attendance restrictions

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

Eligibility to remain in school

The DfE has stated that primary settings should be “prioritised to continue to operate as normal”, although the department “may advise that other groups should be prioritised”.

Primary Schools: If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, should still be allowed to attend. If, by exception, attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical workers should still be allowed to attend.

Limits on attendance will only ever be considered as a last resort.

As with other periods of restricted attendance, schools within the Anglian Learning will provide high quality remote education for all pupils or those not attending.

Restrictions on attendance may be advised by local teams for individual settings or clusters of closely linked settings.

If attendance restrictions are required across an area, the Government will publish detailed operational guidance for schools.

If restrictions on pupil attendance are needed, Anglian Learning Trust will determine the workforce required onsite and if it is appropriate for some staff to work remotely.

Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils 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 pupils would receive in school, as outlined in the Academy remote learning procedures

The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels/ vouchers (if government reintroduce) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals or lunch parcels while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

Parental Attendance in Academies

In the event of a Variant of Concern, parents/carers will be advised to limit their access to site as much as possible.

Parents/carers or visitors permitted on school site by invitation only and must have an arranged appointment.

Visitors will be collected from reception as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary waiting.

All visitors will be expected to wear a face covering and will be informed of this when a meeting is booked. This can be removed in the venue for the meeting if social distancing is possible.

Where possible conversations with parents/carers staff will be either over the phone or via the school communication policy

Parents/carers will not be permitted to attend school fixtures or events.

As of January 2022: No visitors should be on site; any that are for urgent, emergency or statutory matters are expected to take an LFD test beforehand.

7. Out of School Settings

We will limit access to before and after-school activities during term time to those that need it most.

We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.

8. Safeguarding

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

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

If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by ringing 01223 892210. Office staff will advise accordingly.

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

9. Cleaning

Anglian Learning continues to follow robust cleaning regimes in schools such as:

- Use of anti viricidal cleaning products as stipulated in DFE/LA guidance
- Enhanced cleaning of school sites
- Enhance touch-point cleaning processes

In the event of positive cases identified the following action will be taken following DFE and LA cleaning procedures:

- All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with, including objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids; and
- All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors.

In the event of a Variant of Concern or local outbreak cleaning will be enhanced:

- Deep cleans of whole school and specific areas
- Additional cleaning support
- Additional training of cleaners

10. Waste Management

Anglian Learning continues to manage effective waste management on school sites. All waste from possible cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been (including disposable cloths and tissues), should be:

Put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full. That plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied.

Stored safely and kept away from children. Waste should not be put in communal waste areas for at least 72 hours. It can then be disposed of normally.

11. Control Measures

Risk assessments must be reviewed and updated to reflect latest guidance and control measures

Infection prevention and control precautions continues to be implemented including:

- Good hand hygiene before entering and after leaving the setting, as well as regularly throughout the day.
- Ensuring that everyone (staff and pupils) catch coughs and sneezes in tissues. If a tissue is not available, then the crook of the elbow should be used rather than hands.
- Dispose of tissues promptly in a waste bin and then perform hand hygiene.
- Promoting control measures to staff, students and all stakeholders visiting site.