Hassocks Infant School
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, provided 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 our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

- ☆ It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:

- ☆ To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school

- ☆ To help managed a suspected COVID-19 outbreak within 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. 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.

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- ☆ Access to the lunch hall

- ☆ Educational visits and visitors

- ☆ Open days

- ☆ Transition or taster days

- ☆ Parents and non-essential visitors coming into school building

- ☆ Requesting that parents and visitors wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children, especially when on the school premises

- ☆ Whole school assemblies

- ☆ Staggered starts and collection

- ☆ Mixing of children

- ☆ School events and live performances

4. Attendance restrictions

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

4.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

☆ Vulnerable pupils

☆ Children of critical workers

☆ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

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

☆ Vulnerable pupils

☆ Children of critical workers

We may need to prioritise groups of pupils based on staffing.

4.2 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 Remote Learning Plan on our website. The school will continue to provision for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines, in line with guidance from the Local Authority.

4.3 Wraparound care

We will work with local childcare providers to complete a risk assessment for any provision for wraparound care. We may need to reduce access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and to those that need it most.

We will communicate arrangements once any restrictions are confirmed.

4.4 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 this is not possible they will be contactable by telephone and or email for advice.

The school maintains a list of vulnerable pupils and will ensure that these families are prioritised for regular Keeping in Touch (KIT) calls and additional support during periods of self-isolation or school closures.