



# St Thomas of Canterbury

## Catholic Primary School

*Where every child is special*



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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 [Operational Guidance for Schools](#), 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 Surrey CC, DfE, Director of Public Health (DsPH), UKHSA (health protection team) or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school as defined in the DfE Contingency Framework document. We will contact DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) if the school experiences:

- 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 pupil, student, child 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
- 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

Initially we will consider

- Moving activities outdoors if possible
- Increasing ventilation it at all possible
- Deep cleaning of the school

If recommended by collaborating agencies, we will limit:

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

If further action is needed or recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)
- Asymptomatic testing for staff, in conjunction with DfE supply of tests





## **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 pupils

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

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

### **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 our Contingency Plan for Remote learning.

The school will continue to provide for lunches for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines in the form of supermarket vouchers equal in value to the FSM entitlement.

### **4.3 Wraparound care**

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

We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the 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 at all times that there are pupils on site.

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

