



**Alvaston Infant  
& Nursery School**

Being the Best we can Be

# 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](#) and 'Contingency framework: education and childcare settings' both 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), directors 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. Actions will be considered when either of the following thresholds are met:
  - There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period
  - 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period

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)
  - › To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

## 2. Prioritising education

The overarching objective is to maximise the number of children at Alvaston Infant and Nursery School and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk.

The impacts of having missed face-to-face education during the pandemic are severe for children, young people and adults. In all cases, any benefits in managing transmission should be weighed against any educational drawbacks.

The senior leadership team will endeavour to keep any measures to a minimum and for the shortest amount of time possible.

The senior leadership team will keep all measures under regular review and lift them as soon as the evidence supports doing so.

Attendance restrictions will only ever be considered as a last resort.

Alvaston Infant and Nursery School will try to give as much notice as possible of any changes to the way settings should operate.

## 3. Seeking public health advice

When one of the thresholds above is met, we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. Molly Allen will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) or contacting Derby City Council.

## 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

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. Once a decision has been made, this will be done via:

- A newsletter
- A text
- A post on Class Dojo

If recommended, we will limit:

- Educational visits
- Open days
- Transition (or 'Move Up') days
- Parents coming into school (i.e. parent information sessions).
- Live performances (i.e. Christmas productions).

Derby City Local authorities may recommend these precautions in individual settings or across an entire area.

If recommended, we will (re)introduce:

- Testing, including the use of an asymptomatic test site (ATS)
- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)

## 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

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

### 6.2 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 on our website - <https://www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk/>

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

Vouchers can be obtained from the office. We ask that all parents/carers you ring ahead to ensure that the school can prepare these.

### 6.3 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.

## 6.4 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 Miss Allen (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Mabbutt (Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) cannot be on site, they can be contacted remotely by email:

head@alvastoni.derby.sch.uk.

cmabbutt@alvastoni.derby.sch.uk

If you believe that, a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should call the police on 999 or 101 immediately. Alternatively, if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 0845 123 33 33

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

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where applicable, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Make sure vulnerable pupils can access appropriate education and support while at home
- Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision

Please see our school website for more information - <https://www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk/safeguarding>