



Fairchildes Primary School
Covid-19 Contingency Plan
(Outbreak Plan)
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Why a Contingency Plan is necessary?

“The Government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- As part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC) or to extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community
- To prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS. “

(Contingency framework: education and childcare settings, DfE, Updated August 2021)

The information in this plan is in line with:

- DfE document Contingency Framework: education and childcare settings- update August 2021
- Croydon LA documentation and flow charts
- Fairchildes Primary School Risk Assessment.

What to do if there is a suspected case of Covid-19 in a child or staff member.

If a pupil or staff member develops symptoms, he or she must leave school immediately. If a child is waiting to be collected he/she will sit in the designated room, which will be well ventilated and cleaned thoroughly once vacated. Staff staying with the child must wear a mask and wash their hands thoroughly when the child has been sent home. **Should the child positive on an LFT he/she will be required to stay at home and isolate for 5 days, testing again on day 5 and 6. If the tests are negative the child may return to school. If the tests are positive the child should test the next day, returning to school after two negative tests after 10 days of isolation.**

What to do if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19.

If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19 **he/she will be required to stay at home and isolate for 5 days, testing again on day 5 and 6. If the tests are negative the child may return to school. If the tests are positive the child should test the next day, returning to school after two negative tests after 10 days of isolation.**

- School will notify parents if there are several cases in a year group.
- Staff will be notified if a child in their class tests positive.

What to do if there is an outbreak of Covid-19

An escalation threshold has been met if:

- 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

If the escalation threshold has been met Fairchildes will:

- Notify the Director of Education and the Director of Public Health
- In collaboration with Public Health a decision will be made as whether the class/school can remain open.
- Inform the DFE and LA if a class/the school is to close.
- Implement the Remote Education Policy.
- Stop external visits
- Review the risk assessment.

If a class or year group has to close Fairchildes will:

- Deep clean the area used by the class or year group.
- Ensure that all pupils have access to a laptop and implement the Remote Access Policy.
- Ensure that a meal is sent out to all free school meal pupils.
- Ask all parents of remaining pupils to drop their children off in the playground and not to come into school.
- Ask all staff to wear masks in communal areas, unless they are exempt.
- Cancel all visits from outside agencies.
- Cancel/ postpone residential educational visits, open days, transition or taster days and live performances.

If the school has to close as the result of an outbreak at school or in the local area, Fairchildes will:

- Ensure that all pupils have access to a laptop and implement the Remote Access Policy.

- Ensure that a meal is sent out to all free school meal pupils.
- Offer places to the children of critical workers and to vulnerable pupils only.

Safeguarding

One of the school's DSL is expected to be on site at all times. In their absence the Head of School and/or Deputy Head of School will take on the DSL role.

Shielding

Should shielding be reintroduced, those on the shielded patient list will be supported to follow guidance. If this is a pupil, then the remote learning plan would be implemented. Shielding staff will be supported to work from home and measures put in place to support their wellbeing.

Useful contacts for advice:

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4. Joyce Lydford- SIP- Joyce.Lydford@croydon.gov.uk
5. Early years- child.care@croydon.gov.uk
6. London Coronavirus Response Centre – LCRC@phe.gov.uk