



Emmaus Federation Outbreak Management Plan

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Introduction

This plan is based on the [DfE's Contingency Framework](#) which lays out how to manage local outbreaks of COVID-19. The guidance states schools should have "outbreak management plans", outlining "how they would operate" if any of the measures described in the guidance were recommended for their setting or area.

The contingency framework (latest edition) states that councils, directors of public health and Public Health England health protection teams can recommend certain measures for individual schools or clusters of settings. This plan was recommended by Lincolnshire Public Health on 17th November 2021.

Current DFE guidance states that a localised school outbreak is: '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'

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission

ACTIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK

Guidance from health protection teams	Outbreak Management Action recommendation from Lincolnshire Public Health Team	Length of Action	Area of School
Re-introduction of Face Coverings The reintroduction of face coverings for staff in response to particular localised outbreaks.	If recommended, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering will be asked to wear a face covering when in school.	As recommended by the Public Health teams.	School (the Department for Education have reintroduced face coverings in communal areas for all school staff from 29th November 2021 regardless of current rates of infection)

<p>Increased ventilation The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak and CIBSE COVID-19 advice provides more information.</p>	<p>Reminded to keep all windows opened as much as possible.</p>	<p>As recommended by the Public Health teams.</p>	<p>Whole school</p>
<p>Increased cleaning Although the school will continue to maintain increased daily cleaning, the public health teams may require further increase at shorter intervals.</p>	<p>Reinforced importance of cleaning in between groups. High touch points ,separate cloths per area, increased cleaning regime. Staff to wipe down kettles, microwaves, fridge doors etc after use. Handwashing or hand gel before/after eating/on arrival to school/before and after PE/on departure.</p>	<p>As recommended by the Public Health teams.</p>	<p>Whole school</p>
<p>Reduce mixing of students It is noted that under current guidance, there is no longer any need for reduced mixing for pupils. <u>However</u>, in some cases, health protection teams may recommend that bubbles are put in place for a period whilst the outbreak is in place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubbles following PHE guidance until the review of the risk assessment two-weeks later to allow for a circuit break. • Staggered arrival and departure times until the review of the risk assessment after two-weeks once contingency plans are implemented. • Separate break and lunch times until the review of the risk assessment after two-weeks once contingency plans are implemented. • Pupils/staff in bubbles with 5 or more positive cases will not attend/deliver mixed class school clubs until the review of the risk assessment after two-weeks once contingency plans are implemented. • Assemblies and whole school events via Zoom/Teams until the review of the risk assessment after two-weeks once contingency plans are implemented. 	<p>As recommended by the Public Health teams.</p>	<p>A classroom where 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or</p> <p>The school if 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period'</p>
<p>Communications to staff, pupils and families</p>	<p>All stakeholders advised of potential outbreak and mitigating</p>	<p>As recommended by the Public Health teams.</p>	<p>School or classroom: A classroom where 5</p>

<p>In the event of an outbreak, if the health teams advise measures, these must be communicated to stakeholders.</p>	<p>actions as quickly as possible after advice has been given. The main source of communication will be on Class Dojo.</p>		<p>children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or</p> <p>The school if 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period'</p>
<p>Reduction of wider school activities Public Health Teams advise schools to reduce their timetable to normal school day activities. This may mean limiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential educational visits • Open days • Transition or taster days • Parents coming into school • Live performances 	<p>The school will ensure communication to stakeholder via email and on-line messaging (where possible) to ensure communications are received in good time.</p>	<p>As recommended by the Public Health teams.</p>	<p>Assemblies held via Zoom and any transition meetings held over Zoom.</p> <p>The entire teaching time have spent a considerable time reviewing and discussing live performances that include parents coming into school. Due to the present high number of cases that are still rising and the risk to the school community so close to Christmas, the staff have decided that the performances will be filmed and shown as a live performance or as a video recording.</p>