

## **Sidings Community Centre – Outbreak Plan for Summer Scheme for Primary Aged Children (as of 19<sup>th</sup> July 21):**

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. The DfE's published COVID Contingency Framework states that childcare settings should have an "outbreak management plan", outlining how they would operate if any of the measures described in the guidance were recommended for their setting or area.

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- if there is extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- as part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC)

In these cases, the Guidance also states that councils, directors of public health and Public Health England health protection teams can recommend certain measures for individual or clusters of settings.

If there is a need to address more widespread issues across an area, "ministers will take decisions on an area-by-area basis".

This plan should be read alongside the latest guidance for education settings operating during COVID (this is not an exhaustive list and these documents change frequently so the reader should check they have the most up to date guidance).

- protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the COVID-19 pandemic  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-forholiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>
- Summer schools programme guidance  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summerschools-programme>
- contingency framework: education and childcare settings  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education->

### **Scenario 1 – Single Confirmed COVID Case**

If there is one case identified in setting the following steps will be taken in line with the latest guidance:

- Setting will liaise with LA Public Health passing on the recommended guidance to follow

- Setting will follow their Local Authority or government reporting guidance
- Those in close contact will be asked to isolate and take a LFT and/or PCR test if showing symptoms and report findings as soon as confirmed
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Current definition of close contact is as follows:

- ***identified direct exposure between at least 2 or more of the test-confirmed cases in that setting (for example under one metre face to face, or spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres) during the infectious period of one of the cases***
- Remote activity provision to be drawn up for those isolating and not on site

School Covid Risk Assessment to be evaluated in light of any learning from new case

### Scenario 2 – Outbreak Within Setting

The definition of an outbreak in a non-residential setting is:

Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with a specific non-residential setting with illness onset dates within 14 days, and one of the following:

- ***identified direct exposure between at least 2 or more of the test-confirmed cases in that setting (for example under one metre face to face, or spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres) during the infectious period of one of the cases***
- when there is no sustained local community transmission - absence of an alternative source of infection outside the setting for the initially identified cases

An outbreak is deemed to last 28 days from the last positive diagnosis.

The best way to avoid an outbreak in a setting is to ensure preventative measures are in place. Within all settings the following will be in place:

- A risk assessment for each setting that reflects the current Government Guidance
- Appropriate PPE will be provided and worn in line with guidance
- Hand sanitiser will be freely available throughout the building
- Staff who can work from home will do so if not tested positive for COVID 19 or otherwise ill
- LFT testing will be available for staff

Should an outbreak be identified the following steps will be undertaken:

- Setting will liaise with Public Health passing on the relevant information
- Setting will follow their LA guidance for notification
- In collaboration with Public Health and the LA and Sidings Community Centre, a decision will be made as to whether setting can remain open
- LA and/or other relevant partners will be informed if the setting is to close

- Remote learning or activity plan will be implemented
- Other settings within the centre which operate entirely separate from the scheme, and do not use shared parts of the premises which facilitate close contact, will be allowed to continue unless they are also affected by a similar outbreak
- Deep Clean of specific areas to take place before re-use of areas used by group(s)
- COVID Risk Assessment will be evaluated in light of any learning from new cases

### Scenario 3 – The setting is affected by a package of Local or National measures

The COVID situation is ever changing as are the directed responses. Whilst the summer scheme is only to last for 3 weeks, in the event of such an outbreak occurring during the time, the centre will work with the LA ensure that they implement any Local or National restrictions and guidance. The centre will work in collaboration with professionals and stakeholders to limit the impact on service delivery if possible. This will include working with the following:

- Parents/carers
- Children (if and as appropriate)
- Public Health
- Local Authority
- Other key partner agencies

The following plans are in place to support the continued delivery of education or childcare under local or National measures:

#### Testing:

- staff supported with the distribution of LFD tests.
- Parents to be given clear guidelines for procedures to advise parents on how to get LFD or PCR tests and guidance on isolation requirements in line with government guidance

#### Face Coverings:

- Should face coverings be recommended, schools will amend their RA in line with the cohort of pupils they have

#### Shielding:

- Should shielding be reintroduced, those affected will be supported to follow guidance. If this is a child, 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.

**Attendance restrictions:**

Places will be prioritised for children using the setting in line with current guidance recommended for childcare settings such as Holiday Playschemes for primary school aged children: *“If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children in reception, year 1 and year 2 should still be allowed to attend if they have tested negative with a LFT or PCR test and if there are sufficient staff who have also tested negative with an LFT or PCR test and who are not affected by guidelines to self-isolate for 10 days”.*

Wellbeing calls will be made regularly to ensure that children are safe and well at home.

**Meals:**

- Meals will continue to be provided for those on site (if this continues) or for those in receipt of free school meals who are not on site, hot meals will either be provided on site for collection if requested or possible, or food parcels can be collected for the setting is restricting attendance.