



# **DAYSRING TRUST**

## **COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan**

Dayspring Trust

Venerable Bede CE Academy

Ian Ramsey CE Academy

The Dayspring Trust aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian faith and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils. We believe that our Christian values spring from the two great commandments, 'Love God and love your neighbour'. We seek to live this out through the power of the Holy Spirit. St Paul reminds us in Galatians 5.22-23 that the fruit of the Spirit is "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". These are also underpinned by the Old Testament injunction to "Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God" Micah 6.8. These values rooted in the Christian Faith come as a package and we aim to embed them in the life of our academies in a worked out way. We recognise that at times we may highlight particular values to bring them into greater prominence within our academies and these are currently the five values of Forgiveness, Hope, Joy, Perseverance and Wisdom. We believe these values to be in accordance with British values springing from our Judeo-Christian roots. Collective worship will play a major and vital part in assisting with this process of embedding these values in the life of our academies.

The Multi Academy Trust Members and Directors are aware of their responsibilities in law and are committed to the provision of an excellent education within its academies in accordance with our Anglican foundation. This is embraced in our Dayspring Trust vision statement:

- **Forge a supportive and challenging family of academies**
- **Provide excellent education within a strong Christian community**
- **Resource our pupils for wise and generous living**

In addition, each academy also has its own distinctive mission statement, flowing out from the vision statement of the Dayspring Trust.

**At Ian Ramsey CE Academy:**

"Together to learn, to grow, to serve."

This is embodied in scripture:

*'Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'* 1. Peter 4.10

**At Venerable Bede CE Academy:**

"Soar to the heights together"

This is embodied in scripture:

*'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'* Isaiah 40:31

This policy has been developed to take into consideration our ethos as well as local and national policy and guidance.

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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](#), published 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:

- 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. 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. Lisa Cockburn, Executive Operations Manager will be responsible for seeking this advice, and will do so by telephoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687).

## 3. Testing

If recommended, we will increase the use of home testing by pupils and staff. If it is advised that we reintroduce an asymptomatic testing site (ATS) at our school, we will consult with the director of public health (DsPH) to discuss any further support we need to do this.

If we reintroduce on-site asymptomatic testing:

- We will agree detailed plans and communicate these with staff, pupils and parents/carers as soon as is practicable.

- Testing will take place at an agreed time to suit the educational needs of the pupils and meet the requirements of local government
- Testing sites will be set up in the same routine as used previously in school (Activity Hall and Sports Hall/Main Hall).
- Testing will take place in line with guidance from the government (normally 3-5 days apart). Testing will take place between the hours of 8-6pm (normally 9-3)
- Onsite testing may take place with pupils and staff who provide consent. On occasion, testing may continue to be carried out in school for vulnerable pupils unable to carry out home LFD testing.
- On occasion, in the event of an outbreak LFT testing may be carried out in school regularly over specified periods, following advice from Public Health.

## 4. Face coverings

If recommended (or in the event of a local outbreak in school or the local community) pupils, staff and visitors who are not exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Will be asked to keep on or put on a face covering when arriving at school and moving around indoors in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in communal areas.

And/or:

- Will be asked to wear a face covering in classrooms or during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained or a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity.
- Staff, pupils and parents/carers will be informed of this decision as soon as practicable and a stock of face coverings will be maintained in school for this occasion.

## 5. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#). In this instance, we will:

- Request a copy of shielding letter from NHS to add to personnel records.
- We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

## 6. Other measures

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of control measures. This will be done via email to the registered address once a decision has been made.

If recommended, we will limit:

- Residential educational visits
- Open days
- Transition or taster days
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances
- External visitors to the site (except for educational support agencies)

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups

## 7. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

### 7.1 Eligibility to remain in school

If restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- Pupils not affected by an outbreak of positive cases

### 7.2 Education and support for pupils at home

Pupils may be required to stay at home and will receive remote education in the event of an outbreak.

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 remote learning policy.

We will support pupils, as is practicable, with IT resources when required.

The school will continue to provide free school meal provision in the way of a bank transfer payment for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

Welfare support will continue while pupils are at home (during term time).

### 7.3 Before and after school activities / care

We will limit or restrict before and after-school activities to those that need it most.

- We will restrict after school sports clubs and activities where required.
- We will restrict after school intervention groups as a last resort.

Any restrictions will be at the discretion of the Head Teacher and will be communicated to staff and pupils at the earliest convenience.

### 7.4 Safeguarding

- We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.
- We will have a senior member of staff on site at all times, DSL / DDSL will be on call.
- We will aim to have a trained first aider on site at all times.

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:

- Carry out regular welfare calls to pupils/parents/carers and, where appropriate, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
- Encourage attendance
- Ensure 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
- Provide suitable IT equipment where required.

## 8. Communication

The Trust executive team will meet regularly to plan and implement any changes following local or national guidance.

- We will update risk assessments and policies as appropriate
- We will ensure these documents are discussed and ratified by the Board
- We will communicate changes to staff, pupils and parents/carers as soon as is practicable.
- We will ensure that the current risk assessment is available on the school website.
- We will update parents/carers of any changes on the school website 'news' section.
- We will communicate via regular Covid-19 updates from the Executive Head Teacher (Staff) or the Head Teacher (Parents/carers) via text or email using Parentmail / Edulink as appropriate.
- We will remind parents to use the dedicated Covid-19 email that is monitored by senior members of staff in school.
- We will remind parents/carers and staff that they should inform us of their Covid-19 status via a form on the school website, which alerts dedicated staff via email.
- We will liaise regularly with Health and Safety advisors, Local Authority, Union Representatives, Public Health Teams and other professionals, as appropriate.