

The Minster Nursery and Infant School COVID Contingency Plan

September 2021

In the event of an 'outbreak' of COVID (5 children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for C19 within a 10 day period OR 10% of children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10 day period).

'Mixed closely' refers to;

- A class
- A friendship group mixing at break time
- a group in an afterschool activity

In the event of an outbreak (as above) it is important to remember that the safety of our children and staff is the most important factor.

The following actions will take place:

- SLT or Admin will inform the Director of Education Shelley Davies Shelley.Davies@croydon.gov.uk and the Director of Public Health Rachel.Flowers@croydon.gov.uk
- We will cancel all visitors to the school.
- Staff will be asked/reminded to conduct lateral flow tests twice a week.
- Parents will be encouraged to conduct lateral flow tests at home and inform us of any positive test result.
- An assessment will be made of known risks and vulnerabilities.
- As a school, we will increase the times for handwashing and hand-sanitising.
- We will increase the amount of cleaning in classrooms and frequently touched areas.
- Collective Worship in the hall will be suspended in favour of in-class Collective Worship.
- We will explore the possibility of increasing ventilation.
- We will consider which activities could take place outdoors.
- We will explore the possibility of reinstating individual stationery packs for children.
- We will explore the need to revert to a 'bubble' system depending on the advice from PHE.

Depending on the extent of the outbreak, it may be necessary to send home groups of staff or children who have mixed closely. In which case, the school will consider the needs of the children of key-workers, vulnerable children including any child with safeguarding concerns, the provision of food parcels where needed.

Home-learning activities will be provided and families will be informed of the best way to communicate with the teacher leading on this.

In the event of an outbreak in the kitchen and PHE advice to all kitchen staff to self-isolate, the School Cook, Sandra Watkins, will contact Simply Lunch. Simply Lunch can provide sandwiches with a day's notice.