

# COVID-19: outbreak management plan

British Embassy School Ankara



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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 from step 4](#), published by the Department for Education (DfE). It also takes into account published guidance by the MEB.

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations or instructions provided by the relevant Turkish Authorities or as ratified by the BESA Board of Governors.

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
- As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)

### 2. Testing

Testing is important in reducing the transmission of infection within schools. At the start of the summer term, staff and secondary pupils (Years 7 – 9) were subject to testing before returning to school.

All pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays and all secondary school pupils must provide a negative PCR test result or a vaccination certificate if they have been double-vaccinated.

Testing will also be used to support maintaining provision in school.

Where staff or pupils are deemed to be in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID 19 in school, testing will be used to re-open groups or classes without the need for extended periods of isolation (see additional guidance on responding to close contacts in school).

### 3. Face coverings

Staff and Pupils in the Middle Years will continue to wear face masks.

Staff in Primary classes may choose to wear a mask and should continue to wear one if in close contact with children. Children in the Nursery to Year 5 classes will not wear masks.

### 4. Shielding

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

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

### 5. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- › Residential educational visits
- › Transition or taster days
- › Parents coming into school
- › Creche and Extra-Curricular Provision
- › School Bus Service

## **6. Attendance restrictions**

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort approved by the Board of Governors or in response to directives from the relevant Turkish authorities.

### **6.2 Education and support for pupils at home**

Where pupils are required to stay at home we will provide remote education if their class is physically closed.

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 Distance Learning Guidance.

### **6.4 Safeguarding**

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

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