

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 autumn term, staff and secondary pupils (Years 7 – 9) were subject to testing before returning to school.

Testing **may** also be used to support maintaining provision in school.

In line with updated guidance on 2.3.22 from the Turkish Ministry of Health, staff and pupils will not be required to isolate following a close-contact in school.

3. Face coverings

Staff and Pupils in the Middle Years will wear face masks when indoors.

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.

Staff and pupils are not required to wear masks outside.

4. Critically Extremely Vulnerable staff and children

We will adhere to national guidance found [here](#).

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

In response to a significant number of cases of COVID 19 within a group/groups, we may:

- › Require PCR tests for students
- › Close classes for short periods during testing

6. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions of longer than a single day targeted at a transmission outbreak 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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