Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL UNLESS THEY ARE ILL OR TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID 19

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?

NO

- **From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact has Covid.**
- **Instead, they will need to continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result of daily lateral flows remain negative. If a positive result is returned your child has to isolate for 10 days from the positive result, or 5 full days if on day 5 and 6 a lateral flow test returns 2 negative results that have been taken 24 hours apart.**
- **PLEASE NOTE PCR TESTS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR ALL PEOPLE LIVING WITH SOMEBODY WHO HAS COVID 19. INSTEAD TAKE LATERAL FLOW TESTS DAILY FOR 7 DAYS. IF A POSITIVE TEST IS PRODUCED FROM A LATERAL FLOW TEST; THE ASSUMPTION IS YOU HAVE COVID 19 AND YOU NO LONGER REQUIRE A CONFIRMATORY PCR TEST, BUT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY START YOUR ISOLATION PERIOD. YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO TAKE A PCR TEST IF YOU HAVE COVID 19 SYMPTOMS.**

YES

- **If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test, NOT just a Lateral Flow test.**
- **If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.**
- **If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should commence daily lateral flow testing for 7 days.**
- **Any adults/ staff in school who are not doubly vaccinated, will still need to self isolate for 10 days if they are in contact with anyone who tests positive for Covid.**

What are the procedures in school if Covid cases begin to rise?

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	• There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. • Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable. • Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.	No Covid measures are necessary beyond: • Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until advised not to.
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	• No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but… • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • Local authority or Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.	• Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage or class assemblies. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
A single child tests Positive	• A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected.	• The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book a PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.

		• **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**
 5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other. **OR** **3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club within 10 days.**	• There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.	• As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with local authority and/or Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: ○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ○ Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms. ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. ○ Lateral flow testing for all staff as before
	• Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is	• Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.

Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.	spreading widely throughout the school.	○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered**

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.