




Mousehold Infant and Nursery School




Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021

The following information is based on the latest government information.

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • 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 contact, has Covid. • Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), NOT 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 book a PCR test.

- The school will continue to maintain, review and update the risk assessments, treating them as working documents, as the circumstances in your school and the public health advice changes.
- The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hygiene, especially hands. • Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes. • Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated. • Ensuring children/staff stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves regularly using Lateral Flow Tests during September when this will be reviewed.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but there is a rise in the local community • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • 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
 <p data-bbox="151 394 383 459">A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul data-bbox="451 174 879 387" style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul data-bbox="909 174 1484 674" style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 at 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.
 <p data-bbox="108 969 424 1104">5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p data-bbox="245 1149 288 1178"><u>OR</u></p> <p data-bbox="132 1218 403 1352">3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (or Resource Base) within 10 days.</p>	<ul data-bbox="451 757 852 927" style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul data-bbox="909 757 1453 1211" style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Local Authority Outbreak Management and/or Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul data-bbox="963 1043 1453 1211" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 <p data-bbox="116 1675 419 1776">Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul data-bbox="451 1435 879 1715" style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul data-bbox="909 1435 1461 1821" style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul data-bbox="963 1581 1453 1821" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.