Educational Diversity

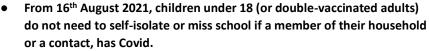
COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.



• 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.





- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home 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 PRC 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.

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 and encouraging the use of face coverings.
- Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.
- Ensuring students / staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test).

Staff and students will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Device tests until the end of September.



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.
- Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing guidance given.
- Stronger encouragement of the wearing of face coverings.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.

- Lancashire Public
 Health / Public Health
 England issue warnings
 of expected local/
 national infection
 wave.
- 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 as outlined on the school's website (LINK)
- The parents/ carers 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 selfisolate 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.

<u>OR</u>

3 children or staff in a single class/ group 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 Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing staff face coverings 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.
 - Resuming twice-weekly Staff LFD testing (after 30th September 2021- Govt. guidance)



Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.

- 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.
- Senior Leadership team meeting held between the school and Lancashire Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a</u> <u>further 10 school days</u>, including:
 - o Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches and breaks
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined LINK.

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