











Grove Vale Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</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.
	 <p>YES</p>	<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), <u>NOT</u> 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 PRC test.

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 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). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Sandwell Public Health / 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. • Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage 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:
 <p data-bbox="201 398 432 461">A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul data-bbox="475 147 807 427" 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="834 147 1417 607" 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="196 864 437 1032">5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p data-bbox="296 1077 336 1111">OR</p> <p data-bbox="196 1149 437 1285">3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (or Resource Base) within 10 days.</p>	<ul data-bbox="475 618 807 853" 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="834 618 1433 1111" style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Sandwell Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul data-bbox="890 797 1433 1111" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 Lateral flow testing.
 <p data-bbox="188 1570 443 1704">Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul data-bbox="475 1301 807 1648" 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="834 1301 1417 1751" style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Sandwell Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul data-bbox="890 1435 1417 1751" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches or staggered lunchtimes. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to 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.