








Shenstone Lodge Covid Contingency Plan sep 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<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.
	 YES	<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 PCR 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>Best practice measures are encouraged:</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 until the end of September.</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. • Staffordshire/ 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. • 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:



A single child/ staff member tests Positive

- A single child/ staff member tests positive for Covid on a school site
- There are fewer than 10% of individuals testing positive on a site

- The individual self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided as appropriate
- 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.
- **If individuals are advised by NHS track and trace to take a PCR test, they do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms. However school will encourage them to do so.**



**10% of children or staff on a site test positive within 10 days of each other.
OR
3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (or Resource Base) within 10 days.**

- There have been more than 10% of individuals on a site testing positive for Covid within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading across the school site

- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Sandwell 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.
 - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing (if not already in place) .



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.

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Sandwell 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.
 - 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.