






## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021

<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	 <b>NO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li> <li>• From 16<sup>th</sup> 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
	 <b>YES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <b>NOT</b> a Lateral Flow test.</li> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.</li> <li>• Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.</li> <li>• Hospitalisation/deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate cleaning regime.</li> <li>• Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral Flow Tests until the end of September. Covid information shared regularly with parents.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...</li> <li>• Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>• Cheshire West and Chester Public Health / Public Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.</li> <li>• Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with SLT to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings).</li> <li>• Discuss with CW&amp;C Public Health reverting to staggered lunchtimes.</li> </ul>

England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave.

## 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 class.
- 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 at PRC Test.
- 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 class test positive within 10 days of each other.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid across a class 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 CW&C Public Health / Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
  - Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
  - Adapting, limiting or postponing relevant extra-curricular activities including indoor sporting events, trips and performances.
  - Reverting to Key Stage Assemblies.
  - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
  - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing if not continuing after the end of September.



**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.

- Meeting held between the school and CW&C 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.

We will:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
5. Prefer for volunteers and visitors to be double vaccinated and testing twice weekly – SLT available for discussing this school-based expectation.
6. Expect staff and families to adhere to government guidance linked to all travel outside UK.
7. Communicate any updates or changes with families.
8. Liaise with local schools about outbreaks and actions.
9. Attend all Public Health briefings and follow the most recent government guidance for primary schools.

For further reference, see documents by following links below:

[Schools Covid-19 operational guidance](#)

[The DfE Contingency Framework](#)

[Public Health England \(Cheshire West and Chester version\) document](#)

Agency	Contact
DfE Helpline	0800 046 8687, option 1
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