







Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Nov. 2021

Please read in conjunction with latest DFE Advice:

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

COMMUNITY COVID RISK	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">Stage 0</p> <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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Covid measures are necessary beyond: • Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. • Continue with regular cleaning schedule as we have now • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). • Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of Autumn Term.
<p style="text-align: center;">Stage 1</p> <p>A single child or adult tests positive</p> 	<p>A single child or adult tests positive for Covid in a class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are fewer than 3 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected 	<p>The child/adult self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parents of the child/ close contacts of the adult are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts and advised to book at PCR Test. <p>-Recommend LFD testing for a total of 10 consecutive days in addition to a PCR test (on day 3-5 after first exposure) for pupil household contacts. Pupils can come into school each day if results negative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children or any staff who are double vaccinated do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms. • If teacher not double jabbed- we will seek temporary cover in first instance to allow children to attend school

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •maintain good levels of ventilation, use CO2 monitors where available to identify poor air quality •maintain good levels of cleaning •maintain good standards of hand hygiene (all staff and pupils)
<p style="text-align: center;">Stage 2</p>  <p>3 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10% of children or staff who have mixed closely have tested positive within a 10 day period</p>	<p>There have been 3 or more cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</p> <p>All cases that have completed isolation do not need to be included in the threshold assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • Notify the local OMH (Outbreak Management Hub) healthprotectionsecure@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk that the threshold has been reached and supply the case data; a copy of this contingency plan; details of any additional measures already taken and numbers of pupils in each year group • Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances/parents to assemblies • Reducing the amount of classes staff work across and children mix with • Continue twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing. • Strongly encourage primary aged children to LFD test at home twice a week • letter to parents/carers (affected year groups/classes template) • enhanced cleaning in affected classroom(s) • enhanced ventilation • enhanced frequency of hand hygiene • reorientation of desks to face away from each other • introduce segregation of affected classes including during assembly; lunchtimes and breaktimes • move to remote assemblies for affected class • outdoor PE only for the affected classes • after school clubs for designated classes only with no mixing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no singing/similar activities indoors involving increased respiratory secretions • If there are staff cases or evidence of staff-to-staff transfer, for a stated period: • review staff risk assessment to prevent mixing outside of class and re-introduce 2m social distancing and face coverings in common areas where social distancing cannot be achieved • monitor twice weekly LFD testing and reporting • reinforce messaging to staff to not come in in the event of experiencing the wider symptoms and to get a PCR test •
<p>Stage 3 Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p> 	<ul 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 	<p>In conjunction with advice from the Outbreak Management Hub or following a case review – introduce for a limited period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • affected year group measures to be extended/applied to the whole school for a specified period • • introduce fixed seating plans (if not already in place) • introduce one-way systems in school wherever practical • use separate entrances and exits if possible • consider wider testing options • introduce staggered access and egress times • all staff wear face coverings in communal areas • suspend school sports or residential away trips in any of the affected class groups <p>Recommended only in conjunction with advice from the Outbreak Management Hub or following a case review – introduce for a limited period:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• contact tracing within the school setting• daily testing of contacts (PH advice required)• reintroduce smaller groupings in classes (“bubbles”)• introduce short term attendance restrictions (measure of last resort) <p>Following review in conjunction with the Outbreak Management Hub return to stage 0</p>
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