



COVID outbreak Contingency Plan – September 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 need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and they have received a negative PCR test result.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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>	<p>There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Staff continue twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
<p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<p>No current COVID cases have been recorded at school, but...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • CWAC Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<p>Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing supervised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school/ mixed year group assemblies are replaced with class assemblies.

Number of cases	Description	ACTIONS
<p>A Single child tests positive.</p>	<ul 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 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. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test <u>unless they have COVID Symptoms.</u>
<p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>3 children or staff (10%) in a single class test positive within 10 days.</p>	<ul 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 style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with CWAC Public Health (HealthProtectionSecure@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. • Limiting amount of staff in communal staffrooms. Staff of effected year groups use separate area for lunch and break. • Children of affected year groups have classroom based school lunches. • Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. • Children of affected year group to revert to single year group assemblies. • Children of affected year group to revert to single year group playtimes. • Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. • Head/DHT to email staff directly and ensure compliance to the above. • Alert year group parents to the

		outbreak using prepared school comms template.
COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and CWAC Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing increased pupil segregation. Return to individual year groups/class. Reverting to class based school lunches. Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. Postponing all non-essential events. Reverting back to previous Covid 19 risk assessment version 5. 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.