



## COVID outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021

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

Community COVID risk	Description	ACTIONS
<p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<p>There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• 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> <li>• Staff continue twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<p>No current COVID cases have been recorded at school, but...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>• CWAC Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<p>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; handwashing supervised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>• Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole-school/ mixed year group assemblies are replaced with class assemblies.</li> </ul>

Number of cases	Description	ACTIONS
<p><b>A Single child tests positive.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child tests positive for COVID in a class.</li> <li>• There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.</li> <li>• No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li> <li>• The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test.</li> <li>• <b>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></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>3 children or staff (10%) in a single class test positive within 10 days.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with CWAC Public Health ( <a href="mailto:HealthProtectionSecure@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">HealthProtectionSecure@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a> ) and agree strengthening protective measures <b>for 10 school days</b>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas.</li> <li>• Limiting amount of staff in communal staffrooms. Staff of effected year groups use separate area for lunch and break.</li> <li>• Children of effected year groups have classroom based school lunches.</li> <li>• Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>• Children of effected year group to revert to single year group assemblies.</li> <li>• Children of effected year group to revert to single year group playtimes.</li> <li>• Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.</li> <li>• Head/DHT to email staff directly and ensure compliance to the above.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alert year group parents to the</li> </ul>

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

**The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID measures should these be needed.**