## St Michael's Cof E Primary School

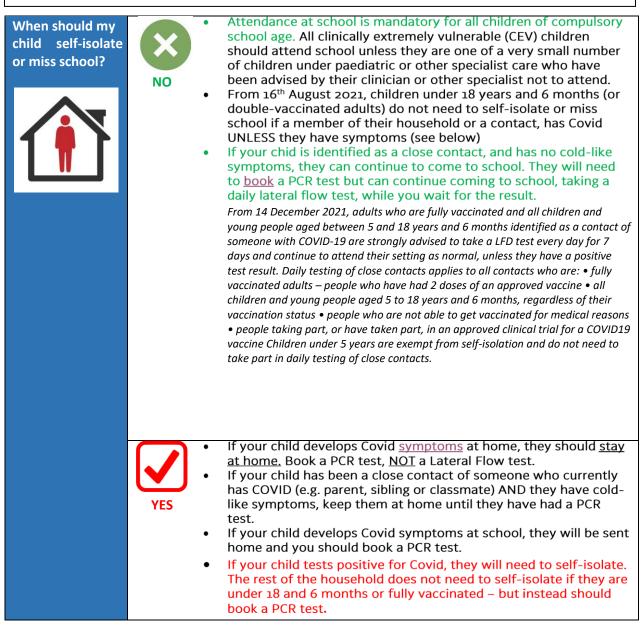
## Covid-19 Contingency Plan (Outbreak Management Plan) January 2022



The overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk. In all cases, any benefits in managing transmission should be weighed against any educational drawbacks. Any measures will apply to the minimum number of settings or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible. All measures will be kept under regular review and they will be lifted as soon as the evidence supports doing so.

Attendance restrictions should only ever be considered as a last resort.

The contingency plan outlines what we would do if children or staff test positive for Covid-19 and how we operate if we were advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmission.



Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<ul> <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>	<ul> <li>Ensure good hygiene for everyone</li> <li>Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes</li> <li>Keep occupied spaces well ventilated</li> <li>Follow public health advice on testing, self- isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.</li> <li>Staff will continue to test twice weekly using Lateral flow tests.</li> </ul>
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul> <li>Low 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>Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; handwashing supervised.</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reviewed</li> <li><u>Clinically Vulnerable staff</u> meet with SLT and review arrangements</li> </ul>
A single child tests Positive	<ul> <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> <li>The child self-isolates for 7 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well</li> <li>enough to complete it.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly</li> <li>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 a PCR Test.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
5 children or staff within a year group test positive within a 10 day period OR 10% of children or staff in a single class/club test positive within a 10 day period.	There have been 5 cases of Covid within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within a group of children.	<ul> <li>As above for each positive case.</li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with LA/Public Health/CCE and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: <ul> <li>Re-introducing staff face coverings for corridors &amp; communal areas.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, educational visits, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to class-based assemblies/worship.</li> <li>Reducing the number of classes staff work across.</li> <li>Increasing staff lateral flow testing.</li> <li>Consider whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes take Lateral Flow Tests daily until the PCR test is returned.</li> <li>Staff and children in affected class might be recommended to book a PCR test aread.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Liaison between the school/CCE and Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a furthe</u> <u>10 school days</u>, including possibly:</li> </ul>		
		0 0 0	Re-introducing class bubbles Children and staff in all classes with 3 or more cases take daily lateral flow tests Reverting to class-based school lunches.	
		0	Staggered break/lunch timings Limiting all non-essential visitors to school	
		0	Postponing all non-essential events	
		0	Virtual staff meetings	
		0	Suspending extra-curricular clubs	
		0	Cap on wrap-around numbers	
		0	Shielding can only be reintroduced by national government	
		0	Re-introducing high quality remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days or for children authorised no to attend school.	
		0	On-site provision should in all cases will be retained for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.	
		0	SLT/CCE to determine the workforce required onsite and if it is appropriate for some staff to work remotely	

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

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