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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 COVID19. 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.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops COVID19 symptoms at home, they must <u>stay at home</u> and book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test. If your child develops COVID19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you must book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for COVID19, 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. If your child has a positive PCR test, NHS test and trace will contact you to trace close contacts.

CASES	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no cases of COVID19 within school for 10 school days. Cases of COVID19 locally are low and/ or stable. 	<p>No COVID19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good hand-hygiene. Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. Enhanced cleaning of touch points. Ensuring children or staff to stay at home if they have COVID19 Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing. Optional face coverings for staff/parents.



Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- No current COVID19 cases have been recorded at school, but...
- Cases of COVID19 are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.
- Lancashire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.
- Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staffroom capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school Worship replaced with Key Stage Worship.

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A single child or staff member tests positive using a PCR test

- A single child/staff member tests positive for COVID19 in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the class.
- No other classes are affected.
- The child/staff member self-isolates for 10 days.
- Remote learning, or working from home duties, provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in our remote learning plan.
- Likely close contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. **The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.**
- **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID19 symptoms or have tested positive using a Lateral Flow Test.**



5 children or staff within a phase group test positive within 10 days of each other.

OR

3 children or staff in a single class

- There have been 5 cases of COVID19 across a phase group within 10 days which could mean that COVID19 is spreading within that group of children.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing mandatory face masks for staff in corridors/communal areas and for parents entering school grounds.
 - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reverting to virtual Collective Worship.
 - Reducing the amount of staff working across classes.



- Despite the measures indicated above, COVID19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period
- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Lancashire Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing the phase bubble system.

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with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that COVID19 is spreading widely throughout the school.

- Postponing all non-essential events.
- Only essential visitors to school permitted.
- **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined in our remote learning plan.**

The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID19 measures should these be needed.