





## COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

<p>When should my Child self-isolate or miss school?</p>	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they have symptoms or have contracted the virus.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.</li> </ul>
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC test), <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.</li> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.</li> </ul> <p>Since Wednesday 22 December 2021, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.</p>

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"> <li>• Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable. 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 and opening of doors.</li> <li>• Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> <li>• Facemasks compulsory in classrooms and in communal areas for staff</li> <li>• Whole staff meetings to take place remotely</li> <li>• Students, and staff should also take one self-test at home either the evening or morning before they return to school, then continue to test twice weekly at home.</li> <li>• Offer weekly lateral flow tests onsite</li> <li>• Mixing in bubbles ok but students to sit in year groups in the dining hall</li> </ul>



## Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.
- Herts LA
- Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.
- Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing at specific times.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced to 20.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Assemblies to take place remotely
- Facemasks to be compulsory in communal areas (staff and students).
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with headteacher for individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

### Number of cases



### A single child tests Positive

### Description

- 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.

### Actions

- The child self-isolates for 7 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it (teachers to send codes daily).
- 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 PRC Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.
- No trips for this particular year group for 7 days (including swimming)

**● Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**



### 5 children or staff test positive within 10 days of each other.

OR

### 10% of people who have mixed closely within 10 days of each other.

- There have been 5 cases of Covid within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.
- This is less relevant during school holidays

**As above for each positive case.**

- The school will discuss the outbreak with Herts Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
  - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
  - No trips across the school for 10 days
  - Consider whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes
  - Revert to eating at lunchtime in key stages
  - one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment
  - Consider reverting to year group 'bubbles'
  - If stopped, resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.



**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.

Incident SLT meeting held between the school and primary school (if necessary) Local Authority and Herts Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:

- Re-introducing class bubbles.
- Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
- one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment
- If stopped, resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
- Postponing all non-essential events.
- Cancel lettings for 10 days
- **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days** (consulting with Governors first).
- **Teachers are likely to stay in school and teach specific year groups remotely and others face-to-face.**
- **Consider combining year groups if possible.**

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

## Remote teaching

High-quality face-to-face education remains a government priority. Attendance restrictions should only ever be considered as a short-term measure and as a last resort:

- for individual settings, on public health advice in extreme cases where other recommended measures have not broken chains of in-setting transmission
- across an area, on government advice in order to suppress or manage a dangerous variant and to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

## Vulnerable children and young people (Including SEND)

Where vulnerable children and young people are absent, we will:

- follow up with the parent or carer, working with the local authority and social worker (where applicable), to explore the reason for absence and discuss their concerns
- encourage the child or young person to attend school, working with the local authority and social worker (where applicable), particularly where the social worker and the Headteacher agrees that the child or young person's attendance would be appropriate
- focus the discussions on the welfare of the child or young person and ensuring that the child or young person is able to access appropriate education and support while they are at home
- have in place procedures to maintain contact, ensure they are able to access remote education support, as required, and regularly check if they are doing so

## Transport

Transport services to education settings should continue to be provided as normal where children are attending school. The [guidance on transport to schools and colleges during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) remains in place.