






Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021



<p>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 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.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC 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 PRC 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 PRC test.

Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. • 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). • Pupils to remain in bubbles at lunch times and eat in the hall. • Collective Worship in the hall can commence (in key stage bubbles). • Equipment shared between classes is cleaned or quarantined (72/48 hours). • Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests.
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Staffordshire Public Health / Public Health England/ Local Outbreak Team issue warnings of expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

local/ national
infection wave.

Number of Cases:

Description:

Actions:



A single child tests Positive

- A **single child/adult tests positive** for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.
- No other year groups are affected.
- The child/adult 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 PRC 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 PRC test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**



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

- 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.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Staffs Public Health/ Local Outbreak Team and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - We will implement the 2020-2021 Covid Risk Assessment.
 - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Limited staff capacity in the staffroom (max of 6).
 - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Worship will take place in classrooms.
 - Non-essential visitors will be limited.
 - Parents encouraged to wear masks.
 - Classes will eat in the classroom where appropriate.
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across where possible.



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

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Staffordshire Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Postponing all non-essential events.

Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.

spreading widely throughout the school.

- 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.

Do I need to self-isolate?

