










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 stay at home 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
 Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<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 if close contact). Staff twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing. Optional face coverings for staff/parents.
 Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

CASES	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS
 <p>A single child or staff member tests positive using a PCR test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of a positive case in a class. • 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.

THRESHOLD

 <p>5 children or staff within a phase group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3 children or staff in a single class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 indoor mixing across phases/classes. ○ Temporarily halt clubs/buddy system if they mix phases. <p>These measures may be tiered to allow for two phases of response dependent on the potential spread or speed of transmission.</p>
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POTENTIAL OUTBREAK

 <p>COVID19 cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, COVID19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that COVID19 is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Lancashire Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing the phase bubble system. ○ 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.
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The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID19 measures should these be needed.

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Example of a Family Situation from UK Health

