





## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

**When should my child self-isolate or miss school?**



- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill with COVID or any other illness.
  - From **14<sup>th</sup> December**, children under 18 and 6 months (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 should test for 7 days using LFD tests and can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
  - **Parents who have tested positive will need to arrange to have their child brought into school if they are not on a school bus or taxi and should not be bringing them in themselves. This is to keep the whole school community safe.**
- 
- **If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and take an LFD or PCR test.**
  - **If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test or give them an LFD test. If they do not take a test, they will need to stay at home for 10 days.**
  - **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 years and 6 months or fully vaccinated.**
  - **NHS Track and Trace will advise close contacts to test daily for 7 days**

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p data-bbox="215 416 584 480"><b>Low community transmission. No school cases.</b></p>	<ul data-bbox="622 240 1272 411" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days</li> <li>• Cases of Covid locally are low and/or stable</li> <li>• Hospitalisations/Deaths due to Covid nationally are low</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1301 240 1995 547" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Covid measures are necessary beyond: <ul data-bbox="1395 276 1995 547" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reminding children of good hand hygiene</li> <li>○ Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical</li> <li>○ Ensuring children/Staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test)</li> <li>○ Staff should continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests twice a week (Sunday and Wednesday)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="241 742 555 805"><b>Rapidly rising community transmission.</b></p>	<ul data-bbox="622 563 1263 778" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 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>• Croydon PH/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1301 563 2024 962" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased and handwashing supervised</li> <li>• Large indoor public performances audience numbers reduced</li> <li>• Whole school assemblies remain rota'd by year groups with all other classes joining remotely</li> <li>• Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff <b>including those who are pregnant</b> meet with the Head teacher to review their individual risk assessment and discuss additional protection</li> <li>• Discuss with Croydon PH other measures needed</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="230 1150 568 1214"><b>A single child/staff member tests positive.</b></p>	<ul data-bbox="622 970 1205 1114" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child/staff member tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>• There are fewer than 2 cases in the class</li> <li>• No other year groups are affected</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1301 970 2024 1324" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The child/staff member self-isolates for 10 days. This can be reduced to 7 days if the person or child tests negative on LFD tests taken on day 6 and day 7 and they do not have a high temperature. Staff and children can return to school on Day 8.</b></li> <li>• Remote learning for that child will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in the remote learning policy or work packs emailed home</li> <li>• The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. Daily contacts should also take a LFD test every day for 7 days.</li> <li>Contacts do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>2 children or staff within a class test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 2 cases of Covid across a group of children, staff or adults who have mixed closely within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</li> </ul> <p>NB group of children means a pair of classes next to each other that share work areas; after school club; and a bus route or taxi.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above for each positive case</li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with Croydon PH/Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures for <b>10 school days including</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas for staff and parents</li> <li>Closing classes where cases are high or where there is lack of staffing, implement blended learning or remote learning for those classes affected.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing trips, open days and performances</li> <li>Reverting to online assemblies</li> <li>Reducing the number of classes staff work across e.g. PE and Music staff</li> <li>Reminding staff to test twice-weekly using lateral flow tests</li> <li>Continuation of bubbles post-Christmas break until Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> where it will be reviewed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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

- Despite the measure 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.
- Meeting held between school and Croydon PH to agree further measures **for a further 10 days** including:
  - Re-introducing bubbles
  - Reverting to strict protocol at lunchtime and on the playground
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to the school
  - Postponing all non-essential events
  - Online Assemblies
  - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined in the remote learning policy.
- Please refer to previous risk assessments during COVID