

# Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan - Sept. 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



- All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.
- Children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to selfisolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid.
- Instead, you should book a PCR test (<u>NOT</u> lateral flow) for your child but they can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms.





- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> a lateral flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. 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.

## Community Covid Risk

## Description

#### **Actions**



Low community transmission - no school cases.

- 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.

Ongoing safety measures:

- Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.
- Ensuring good ventilation.
- Ensuring Children / Staff stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and book a PCR test).

Staff will continue to test themselves using lateral flow tests.

- 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.
- S Glos Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Hand-washing increased.
- Large indoor gatherings have reduced numbers.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Band assemblies.
- Clinically vulnerable staff meet with linemanagers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).



transmission

### **Number of Cases:**

### **Description:**

### **Actions:**



A single child tests positive

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the class.
- No evidence of in school mixing leading to cases.
- The child 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.
- Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Track
   & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test.
- Close contacts do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms.



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

- There have been 5
   cases of Covid in a class
   within 10 days which
   could mean that Covid
   is spreading within that
   group of children.
- South Glos Public
   Health have advised
   the school that the
   reported cases are
   likely due to in school
   mixing
- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with South Glos Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
  - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
  - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
  - Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms.
  - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
  - Increasing staff lateral flow testing.
  - Minimising visitors to school



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 Management Team meeting held between the school and S Glos Public Health to agree further measures, for a further period of time, including:
  - o Re-introducing class bubbles.
  - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
  - o Postponing all non-essential events.
  - Temporarily re-introducing remote learning for individual classes if necessary.