

Holmfirth JIN School

Covid-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

The following information has been compiled following the DfE and Government publication guidelines for schools “Contingency framework: education and childcare settings (August 2021)” and our outbreak management plan can be seen below.

The Government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19-19 pandemic.

Decision-makers should endeavour to keep any measures in education and childcare to the minimum number of settings or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

We are looking forward to re-instating many of our practices that took place before the outbreak of the pandemic, including morning playtimes and lunchtimes, face to face assemblies (split into 2 groups) and a variety of peer projects over the next few weeks.

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</p> <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-19. • 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.
	 <p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid-19 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-19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. • If your child tests positive for Covid-19, 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.

Community Covid-19 Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of Covid-19 within school for 10 school days. • Cases of Covid-19 locally are low and/ or stable. • Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid-19 nationally are low. 	<p>No Covid-19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation is encouraged where practical. • Co2 monitors to be used in classrooms (when made available to school) • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid-19 Symptoms (and book a PCR test). • Staff will be encouraged to test themselves once a week using Lateral flow tests until further notice. •

Community Covid-19 Risk	Description	Actions
 <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. Kirklees Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of classrooms increased (where possible) & increased hand-hygiene Staff room capacity is reduced Whole school assemblies replaced by Key Stage Assemblies
Number of Cases	Description	Actions:
 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single child tests positive for Covid-19 in a class. There are fewer than 3 cases in the class group. No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book a PCR Test. NHS Track & Trace 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 PCR test unless they have Covid-19 Symptoms.
 <p>3 children or staff in a single Class test positive for Covid-19 within 10 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are more than 3 cases in the class group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Kirklees Public Health and possibly agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing face masks for visitors in school communal areas. Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. Postponing face to face assemblies Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. Encourage staff to resume twice weekly Lateral Flow testing



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- 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 Kirklees Public Health to possibly agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to bubble-based staggered school lunches.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.

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The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid-19 measures should these be needed.