











Covid-19 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 should 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.
	 YES	<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 Device 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 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handwashing at start of day, lunch time and end of day Staggered timings for drop-off, pick-up and morning break on playground Key Stage assemblies rather than whole school, unless outside Key Stage eating areas remain separate but children share outside space to play at lunch time Ensuring good ventilation where practical Ensuring children / staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test) Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow tests until the end of September.
 <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. West Sussex Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of classrooms increased Staff room capacity reduced Headteacher communication with parents of clinically vulnerable children Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups) Consider use of face-coverings for staff and parents.

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 in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the class or from close mixing. • There is less than 10% of cases in the class or from close mixing. • No other classes/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 Test and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace and advised to book at PCR test. The school will support with close contact identification as needed. • <u>Families will be informed that there is a case in the school community.</u> • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms.
 <p>5 children or staff who have mixed closely test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 10% of children or staff who have mixed closely test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases of Covid or 10% of a class/group in the school within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading. E.G. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a class - a friendship group mixing at break - a sports team - a group in an after-school activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with W. Sussex Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ventilation of classrooms increased. ○ Enhanced cleaning ○ Reintroducing adult face masks for visitors and meetings ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to recorded assemblies in classrooms ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across ○ Continuing twice-weekly staff Lateral Flow Device testing.
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-19 is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and W. Sussex Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reintroducing class bubbles ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school ○ Postponing all non-essential events ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.

This guidance will be regularly reviewed. Please contact head@twineham.w-sussex.sch.uk with any questions.