

The Spire Federation – East Wold & North Cockerington CE Primary Schools

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan January 2022

When should my child self-isolate or miss school? 	 NO • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • 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. • Instead, they will need to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. If a positive result is recorded, then pupils should isolate and book a PCR test. Pupils under 5 do not need to undertake 7 day testing.  YES • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, NOT 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. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but follow government guidance .
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Face Coverings – face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure.

Lateral Flow Tests – all visitors to school should take LFD before attending. Staff are strongly encouraged to take LFD twice a week (3-4 days apart) and ensure they are fully vaccinated and boosted. LFD should be taken on the morning before returning to school after the holidays.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions/Controls
 Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	LEVEL 1 • 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.	No Covid measures are necessary beyond: • Reminding children of good hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation. • 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.
 Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	LEVEL 2 • 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. • Lincolnshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of	• Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor events audience numbers reduced. • Staff room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school Collective Worship replaced with Key Stage Collective Worship or virtual Collective Worship. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to discuss any clinical advice from their health professional on whether additional precautions are

	expected local/ national infection wave.	right for them . Discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).
 A single child/staff member tests positive	LEVEL 3 • A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the key stage. • No other classes are affected.	• The child self-isolates in accordance with government guidance (10 days or 7 days depending on testing). 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, however in some cases the school can support this process. • If the positive case is admitted to hospital EHT to seek public health advice (08000468687 Option 1) • Ventilation increased in school during breaks to change the air in class. • 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.
	LEVEL 3a • There are cases in more than one class across school OR • National concerns regarding COVID levels OR • COVID cases are beginning to escalate OR	EHT will discuss issues with teachers/staff and any events/visits and these will be evaluated as to whether they are appropriate to continue
 5 children or staff within a key stage positive within 10 days of each other. OR 10% of children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period	LEVEL 4 • There have been 5 cases of Covid across a key stage group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. •	• As above for each positive case. • Outbreak template completed and sent to Public Health • The EHT will discuss the outbreak with Lincolnshire Public Health • Strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: ○ One off enhanced cleaning including touch points and shared equipment. ○ Cleaning of rooms before use by other groups. ○ Re-introducing staff social distancing for corridors & communal areas. ○ Re-introducing the use of face masks by staff in classes (if desired/advised by Public Health) ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor events, transition /taster days, educational visits, open days and performances. ○ Any educational visits undertaken must be reassessed to see if still appropriate and safe. ○ Limiting visitors/parents on to the site. ○ Outside/virtual Collective Worship.

	○ Promoting the importance/resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing. ○ Individual pencil cases for all pupils. ○ Outdoor learning sessions maximised. ○ 7 day lateral flow testing for staff contacts ○ Any additional measures suggested by Public Health • Office to email all staff. • Letter to be issued to parents informing at Level 4 and actions taken
 Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period. OR Significant staff absences	LEVEL 5 • 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. • OR Staffing is reduced and it is not possible to safely accommodate all children on site* • Outbreak template updated and sent to Public Health • The EHT will discuss the outbreak with Lincolnshire Public Health • Further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches and staggered lunchtime play. ○ 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 option will also be considered due to staff absences hindering safe operation.)* ○ On site provision should be retained for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. If provision on site is temporally ceased based on government/public health advice, alternative arrangements for vulnerable pupils must be made with the local authority. ○ Remote learning in place for those pupils unable to attend school. • Office to email all staff. • Letter to be issued to parents informing at Level 5 and actions taken

Note:

- If shielding is introduced by National government, national guidance would be followed. This may result in staff members working from home.
- DSL or deputy will be in school/available at all times. If remote learning is enacted, the DSL will review the child protection policy so that it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective
- **Where vulnerable children are absent from school, this will be reported to the EHT to follow up and liaison with the carer, local authority and social worker will take place as appropriate.**
- The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.
- Schools should also continue to provide free school meals support in the form of meals or lunch parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and who are not attending school because they have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves.

- EHT = Executive Headteacher