Forest Skies Federation

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan January 22



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



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.

• 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.





• 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. 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 and test via LFT daily for 10
days.

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.

No Covid measures are necessary beyond:

- Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.
- Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.
- Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).
- Continued advice that staff and CEV children get their vaccinations.

Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow tests.



Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- 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 expected local/ national infection wave.
- Ventilation of classrooms increased and handwashing supervised.
- Large indoor events audience numbers reduced.
- Staff room and communal areas 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 review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

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 year group.
- No other year groups are affected.
- The child self-isolates for 7 days. They can return to school on day 8 pending they have had a negative LFT on day 6 & 7. 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 at PCR Test. The school 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 Symptoms.



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

OR
3 children or staff in
a single Class / Club
within 10 days.

 There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.

- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Lincolnshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including:
 - Re-introducing staff social distancing/face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reverting to virtual Collective Worship.
 - Reducing the number of classes staff work across.
 - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.



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 Lincolnshire Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including:
 - Re-introducing 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.

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