







# St Marys Catholic Primary School

## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan

<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	 <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li> <li>• From 16<sup>th</sup> 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
	 <p><b>YES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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



**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.
- Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.
- Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies or assemblies take place remotely.
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with the Headteacher 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 phase.
- No other phases are affected.
- The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it in line with our Remote Education Policy. This will be set through Teams.
- 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. 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 /staff within a closely mixing group test positive within 10 days of each other.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid within 10 days where the children/staff are likely to have mixed closely. This could mean that Covid is spreading within that group.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with 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.
  - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing (if this has stopped after September).



**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 Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
  - Re-introducing class bubbles.
  - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
  - Postponing all non-essential events.
  - **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as detailed in our remote learning plan**

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