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COVID OUTBREAK CONTINGENCY PLAN (SEPT 2021)

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?







- 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 stay at home 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 instead should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk Actions Description • There have been no cases of Covid • No Covid measures are necessary beyond: within school for 10 school days. Cases of Covid locally are low and/ • Reminding children of good handor stable. hygiene. • Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid ventilation Ensuring good encouraged where practical. nationally are low. • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff will be encouraged to Low Community Transmission. No continue to test themselves using school cases Lateral flow tests until the end of September. •No current Covid cases have been • Ventilation of classrooms increased recorded at school, but: & handwashing supervised. • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in • Large indoor public performance the community causing disruption to audience numbers reduced. other local schools. • Staff-room capacity reduced. • Hackney Public Health / Public • Whole-school assemblies replaced Health England issue warnings of with Key Stage assemblies/virtual expected local/ national infection assemblies wave. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with HT to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional **Rapidly Rising Community** protection reduction (e.g. in **Transmission** 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 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as per school policy. 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 or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 3 children or staff in a single class test positive within 10	There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group (or 3 in one class) 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 Hackney Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: Adapting, limiting or postponing trips, open days and performances. Reverting to online assemblies only o Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
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 Hackney Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: o Re-introducing class bubbles o Limiting all non-essential visitors to school o Re-introducing mask wearing for adults in communal areas o Postponing all non-essential events. o Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as per school policy.

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