## **Whitehill Junior School**



## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021 v1

When should
my child
self-isolate or
miss school?







- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or doublevaccinated 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 selfisolate. The rest of the household does not need to selfisolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated - but should instead book a PCR test.

<b>Community Covid Risk</b>	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No School cases.	<ul> <li>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 days.</li> <li>Cases of Covid locally are low and / or stable.</li> <li>Hospitalisation / deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	No Covid measures are necessary beyond:  Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.  Ensuring good ventilation is encouraged where practical.  Ensuring children / staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test).  Staff will continue to test themselves
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission.	<ul> <li>No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but</li> <li>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>Hertfordshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local / national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using LFTs until the end of September.</li> <li>Ventilation of classrooms maintained and increased where possible. Hand washing (of younger pupils) supervised.</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>Staffroom capacity reduced.</li> <li>Whole school assemblies replaced with single year group / streamed assemblies.</li> <li>Clinically vulnerable staff to meet with line managers (CV pupils – and families - to meet with class teachers) to review individual risk assessments and discuss additional protection. (e.g. face coverings, reduction in movement between year groups or classes)</li> </ul>

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
A single child tests positive	<ul> <li>A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>There are fewer than five cases in a year group.</li> <li>No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days.         Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in the school's remote provision guidelines.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book PCR tests. The school may contact parents to advise this is close contacts are known.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Five children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other  OR  Three children or staff in a single class test positive 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.	<ul> <li>As above for each positive case.</li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with the Local Authority and agree strengthening protective measures for ten school days, including:         <ul> <li>Reintroducing staff face masks for corridor / communal areas.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to streamed assemblies.</li> <li>Reducing the number of classes staff work across.</li> <li>Resuming twice-weekly staff LFTs (after end Sept).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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 school and the Local Authority to agree further measures for a further 10 school days, including:  Reintroducing year-group / class bubbles. Reverting bubble lunchtimes. Limiting non-essential visitors to school. Postponing non-essential events. Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.