

Hughenden Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.
	 <p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops COVID symptoms at home or tests positive on an LFD test, should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> rely only 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 immediately. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household e.g. all adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months - should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

From January 2022 we will use the following internal plan as necessary:

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
<p>Stage 1</p>  <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests twice weekly.
<p>Stage 2</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure classroom windows are open all day and hand-washing supervised. All visitors who plan to have face-to-face contact (<2m) with pupils or staff should consider taking a lateral flow test before they visit. All staff and visitors will wear a face covering in public/communal areas of the school. Increased focus on cleaning regimes Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.

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	<p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p> <p>causing disruption to other local and Trust schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buckinghamshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings in school are reduced. Face shields/coverings to be worn by staff when with the parents/public. Key Stage Assemblies replaced with class-based Worship
<p>Stage 3</p>	 <p>A single child tests Positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single child tests positive for Covid in a year group / bubble There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group /bubble No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child self-isolates for 10 days. 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. School may be contacted <u>in exceptional cases</u> to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases. Parents in the year group will be notified there has been a positive case and advice given for the year group to take a lateral flow test to check for asymptomatic cases to reduce the risk of transmission.
<p>Stage 4</p>	 <p>5 children or staff within a year group/bubble test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 3 children or staff in a single class test positive within 10 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group / bubble within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with the LA and Public Health England as required and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing staff face masks for in class Staggered starts/finishes and face coverings to be worn by parents on school grounds Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, clubs, trips, open days and performances. Reducing the number of classes staff work across. Introduce increased and enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment Encourage parents to use lateral flow test twice a week on their children Close contacts of the positive pupil e.g. staff and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months - should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

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<p>Stage 5</p>  <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with SLT to complete their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups). School Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Buckinghamshire LA / Public Health as appropriate to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Re-introducing year group bubbles.</i> <i>Reverting to class-based school lunches.</i> <i>Limiting or stopping all non-essential visitors to school.</i> <i>Daily lateral flow testing for school staff.</i> <i>Postponing all non-essential events.</i> <i>Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered when 40%-50% of the class have contacted Covid19, as per previous plans for remote learning</i>

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