





## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan - Merley First School

September 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?	<b>NO</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li><li>• 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 tested positive for Covid -19</li><li>• Instead, they will need to book a PCR but can continue coming to school so long as they do not have symptoms and the result is negative.</li></ul>
	<b>YES</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <b><u>stay at home</u></b> and book a PCR test, <b><u>not</u></b> a Lateral Flow test.</li><li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and should book 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 should instead book a PCR test.</li></ul>

Community covid risk	Description	Actions
Low community transmission. No school cases	<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>	No Covid measures are necessary beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reminding children of good hand hygiene</li><li>• Ensuring good ventilation encourages where practical</li><li>• Ensuring children / staff stay at home if they have symptoms and to book a PCR test</li><li>• Staff to continue to test themselves using LFT until the end of september</li></ul>
Rapidly rising community transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No current covid cases have been recorded in school</li><li>• Cases of covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other schools</li><li>• BCP Public Health issue warnings of expected local national infection wave</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased and handwashing supervised</li><li>• Large indoor public performances audience numbers reduced</li><li>• Staff room capacity reduced</li><li>• Whole school assemblies reduced to key stage assemblies</li><li>• CV staff review risk assessments with line managers</li></ul>



A single positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A single child or member of staff tests positive</li><li>• There are fewer than 5 cases in the class/year group</li><li>• No other year groups are affected</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The child self isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li><li>• The parents of the child are contacted 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 a PCR test. The school will contact parents to advise if close contacts are known.</li><li>• <b>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.</b></li></ul>
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 within 10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>As above for each positive case</b></li><li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with BCP Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days including<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Reintroducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas.</i></li><li>• <i>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances</i></li><li>• <i>Assemblies on line</i></li><li>• <i>Reduce staff mixing</i></li><li>• <i>Resume staff testing twice weekly</i></li></ul></li></ul>
Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with BCP Public Health to agree further measures for a further 10 school days including<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Reintroducing class bubbles</i></li><li>• <i>Reverting back to class based lunches</i></li><li>• <i>Limiting non-essential visitors to school</i></li><li>• <i>Postposing all non essential events</i></li><li>• <i>Reintroducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Parents/Carers will be informed of changes to Covid measures should it be required.</b>		