






# Western Downland C of E Primary School & Little Foresters Nursery

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

<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>• <b>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b></li> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>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</b></li> </ul>
	 <p><b>YES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</b></li> <li>• <b>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.</b></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 in all classrooms.</li> <li>• Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> </ul> <p><b>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</b></p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• Public Health England issue warnings of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced/stopped.</li> <li>• Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies/online assemblies.</li> <li>• Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with SLT to review their individual risk</li> </ul>

expected local/  
national infection  
wave

assessment & discuss additional  
protection (e.g. use of face coverings.)

**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 class.
- No other classes are affected.
- 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.
- Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at 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 class  
test positive  
within 10 days of  
each other.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid across a 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 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.
  - Re-organising lunch and play times.
  - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.



**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.
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
  - Postponing all non-essential events.
  - **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days is considered.**

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