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COVID OUTBREAK CONTINGENCY PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2021

<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 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 COVID19. • 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.
	 <p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops COVID19 symptoms at home, they must stay at home and book a PCR test, NOT a Lateral Flow test. • If your child develops COVID19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you must book them a PCR test. • If your child tests positive for COVID19, 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. • If your child has a positive PCR test, NHS test and trace will contact you to trace close contacts.

CASES	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of COVID19 within school for 10 school days. • Cases of COVID19 locally are low and/ or stable. 	<p>No COVID19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good hand-hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. • Enhanced cleaning of touch points. • Ensuring children or staff to stay at home if they have COVID19 Symptoms (and to book a PCR test if close contact). • Staff twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing. • Optional face coverings for staff/parents.
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current COVID19 cases have been recorded at school, but... • Cases of COVID19 are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • Lancashire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staffroom capacity is reduced. • Whole-school Worship replaced with Key Stage Worship.

CASES	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS
 <p>A single child or staff member tests positive using a PCR test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child/staff member tests positive for COVID19 in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the class. • No other classes are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child/staff member self-isolates for 10 days. • Remote learning, or working from home duties, provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in our remote learning plan. • Likely close contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise of a positive case in a class. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID19 symptoms or have tested positive using a Lateral Flow Test.
THRESHOLD		
 <p>5 children or staff within a phase group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>3 children or staff in a single class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases of COVID19 across a phase group within 10 days which could mean that COVID19 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 Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing mandatory face masks for staff in corridors/communal areas and for parents entering school grounds. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to virtual Collective Worship. ○ Reducing indoor mixing across phases/classes. ○ Temporarily halt clubs/buddy system if they mix phases. <p>These measures may be tiered to allow for two phases of response dependent on the potential spread or speed of transmission.</p>
POTENTIAL OUTBREAK		
 <p>COVID19 cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, COVID19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that COVID19 is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Lancashire Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing the phase bubble system. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Only essential visitors to school permitted. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined in our remote learning plan.

The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID19 measures should these be needed.

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