# St Michael at Bowes CE Primary School

Appendix A

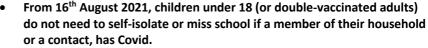
Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



• All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.



 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 <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> 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 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.

# Community Covid Risk

## Description

#### **Actions**



Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.

- 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.

No Covid measures are necessary beyond:

- 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 until the end of September.



Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...
- Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.
- Enfield Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing supervised.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies or are moved to virtual.
- Hymn practices cease temporarily
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with HT to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

## **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 year group.
- No other year groups are affected.
- The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as per school policy.
- 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 selfisolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.



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.

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.

- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Enfield Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including:
  - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
  - Reverting to virtual assemblies in classrooms.
  - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.



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 Enfield Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10</u> <u>school days</u>, including:
  - Re-introducing class or year group bubbles.
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
  - Postponing all non-essential events.
  - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as per school policy.

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