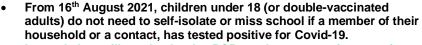


St Vincent's Catholic Primary School **COVID-19 OUTBREAK** CONTINGENCY PLAN Autumn 2021

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 stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT 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

Description

Actions

Covid Risk



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

No Covid measures are necessary beyond:

- Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.
- Ensuring good ventilation using our school ventilation system.
- Ensuring children / staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test).

All staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using lateral flow tests.

Our school will also take some precautionary measures:

- Soft Start
- Staggered finish times
- One way system around the building
- Limiting mass gatherings –assemblies with smaller audiences
- Visitors Agreement for any school visitors



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.
- Westminster Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.
- Large indoor public performances revert to virtual audience.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Head of School to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).



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Number of Cases:

Description:

Actions:



A single child tests
Positive

- A single child or member of staff 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 / staff member self-isolates for 10 days.
 Remote Learning is available on Google
 Classroom but only if the child is well enough to complete this.
- The parents/carers 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 a PCR Test.
- The school will contact parents/carer if close contacts are known and advise parents to book a PCR Test for their child.
- Children do not need to miss school or selfisolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.
- Any non –educational activities will be postponed e.g. social events/ fundraising activities
- Although it is not essential we will always inform the parents of the class if there has been a positive case within that class (without identifying the child).



5 children or staff in a group test positive within 10 days of each other.

<u>OR</u>

3 children or staff in a single class/ club within 10 days. There have been 3 cases of Covid across a class 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 Westminster Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school</u> <u>days</u>, including:
 - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Postponing any extra-curricular activities for this cohort including clubs, indoor sporting events, trips.
 - Reverting to online assemblies in classrooms.
 - Keeping the class as separate as possible within the school with separate toilet facilities and separate breaks
 - Limiting the number of staff working with the class and their interaction with other children
 - Postponing any external visitors to this cohort including open day and audiences at performances.



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.

- Meeting held between the school and Westminster Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a</u> <u>further 10 school days</u>, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - o Reverting to separate school lunches.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.

There is always a possibility that we may temporarily revert to remote learning for specific cohorts or the whole school, if directed to do so.



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