

Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – 24th February 2022

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



YES

All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.



- If your child develops COVID symptoms 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 immediately.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will be requested by school to self-isolate for up to a maximum of 10 days.

When to stop self-isolating:




- Staff and children isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature.
- If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.
- On day 11 the child or member of staff can return to school.

When to keep self-isolating after 10 days

If you have a high temperature after the 10 days, or are feeling unwell, keep self-isolating and seek medical advice.

| Community Covid Risk | Description | Actions |
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|  <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. | <p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. ▪ Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. ▪ Request children/staff to stay at home if they have Covid-19 symptoms and positive test results. ▪ Staff may choose to continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly. ▪ From 24 February, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. Again, depending on the Covid-19 cases in your school, this may change as the number of Covid-19 cases rises or falls. ▪ Gatherings in schools return to normal. |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... ▪ Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure classroom windows are open during breaktimes and handwashing is supervised. ▪ All visitors who plan to have face-to-face contact (<2m) with pupils or staff should consider taking a lateral flow test before they visit. |



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| <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p> | <p>causing disruption to other local and Trust schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buckinghamshire/Milton Keynes Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff and visitors will wear a face covering in public/communal areas of the school Increased focus on cleaning regimes Large indoor public performance audience numbers will be reduced, and face coverings worn. Gatherings in school are reduced. Face shields/coverings to be worn by staff with parents/public. Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with SLT to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g., use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/groups). |
|  <p>A single child tests Positive</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single child tests positive for Covid in a year group There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group No other year groups are affected. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child self-isolates as long as required. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. Windows open all day to allow for increased ventilation. Close contacts e.g. staff and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months – might chose to take a LFD test every day for 7 days, (no longer available from school for staff) Whole-school worship replaced with class-based Worship |
|  <p>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 test positive within 10 days.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with ODBST and Buckinghamshire UKHSA and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing staff face masks for in class sessions Staggered starts/finishes and face coverings to be worn by parents on school grounds Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, clubs, trips, open days and performances. Reducing the number of classes staff work across. Introduce increased and enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment Encourage parents to use lateral flow test twice a week on their children |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Incident Management Team meeting held between the school, ODBST and Buckinghamshire/Milton Keynes, UKHSA to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing year group bubbles. Reverting to class-based school lunches. |

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| <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p> | <p>Covid is spreading widely throughout the school.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limiting or stopping all non-essential visitors to school. ▪ Daily lateral flow testing for school staff. ▪ Postponing all non-essential events. ▪ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days to be considered when 50% of the class have contacted Covid-19. |

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

