



## Covid-19 Contingency Planning Update - Pamphill First School

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After engaging with current advice to schools and guidelines from Public Health England, the school has risk assessed its systems and practices alongside Wimborne Academy Trust and its advisors in health and safety matters: Judicium Education

The children are no longer required to be in bubbles, so outside of times when 'live' cases are linked to the school, we can return to having assemblies and eating in the hall rather than classrooms. However, measures will be taken to maintain safe distance and minimise mixing across classes while indoors. Any resources shared by classes will continue to be cleaned between use, while handwashing and good ventilation will also remain priorities.

Below are some further procedural details as well as contingency planning.

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p>	<p><b>NO</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li> <li>• 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 tested positive for Covid -19</li> <li>• Instead, they should lateral flow test daily if identified as a close contact. It is the parent/carer's choice whether to book a confirmatory PCR. Children can continue coming to school so long as they do not have symptoms and the result is negative.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>YES</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <b>stay at home</b> and take a Lateral Flow test.</li> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home with the recommendation they take a Lateral Flow test</li> <li>• 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 should instead begin <b>lateral flow testing daily.</b></li> </ul>

Community covid risk	Description	Actions
<p>Low community transmission. No school cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no cases if Covid with school for 10 school days</li> <li>• Cases of Covid</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 encourages where practical</li> </ul>



	<p>locally are low and/or stable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitalisation/Deaths due to covid nationally are low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring children / staff stay at home if they have symptoms and to book a PCR test</li> <li>• Staff to continue to test themselves using LFT</li> </ul>
Rapidly rising community transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current covid cases have been recorded in school</li> <li>• Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other schools</li> <li>• Dorset Public Health issue warnings of expected local infection wave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased and handwashing supervised</li> <li>• Large indoor public performances audience numbers reduced</li> <li>• Staff room capacity reduced</li> <li>• Whole school assemblies reduced to key stage assemblies</li> <li>• CV staff review risk assessments with line managers</li> </ul>
A single positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child or member of staff tests positive</li> <li>• There are fewer than 3 cases in the class</li> <li>• No other year groups are affected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child self-isolates for 10 days. After the first 5 full days they can recommence daily LFTs and can return to school following two consecutive negative results 24 hours apart. They can return to school immediately after the second negative result providing they no longer have a raised temperature.</li> <li>• Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it, it is the responsibility of the parent to request it as the child will otherwise be presumed unwell.</li> <li>• The parents of the child are contacted by NHS track and trace with a questionnaire to establish likely contacts</li> <li>• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS track and trace and advised to book start taking daily lateral flow tests or a PCR test.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
3 children or staff in a single class within 10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been 3 cases of Covid across a class within 10 days, or 5 positive cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above for each positive case</li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with Dorset Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days including</li> </ul>



<p>Or</p> <p>5 positive cases across the whole school.</p>	<p>across the school, which could mean that covid is spreading within that group of children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School will communicate an update with relevant parties regarding number of cases.</li> <li>● <i>Reintroducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas.</i></li> <li>● <i>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances</i></li> <li>● <i>Assemblies on line</i></li> <li>● <i>Reduce staff mixing</i></li> <li>● <i>Resume staff testing twice weekly</i></li> </ul>
<p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The school will discuss the outbreak with BCP Public Health to agree further measures for a further 10 school days including</li> <li>● <i>Reintroducing class bubbles</i></li> <li>● <i>Reverting back to class based lunches</i></li> <li>● <i>Limiting non-essential visitors to school</i></li> <li>● <i>Postposing all non essential events</i></li> <li>● <i>Reintroducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered</i></li> <li>● School will communicate an update with relevant parties regarding the number of cases periodically throughout any outbreak.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Parents/Carers will be informed of changes to Covid measures should it be required.</i></p>		