**COVID-19: Outbreak management plan**

Ilsington C of E Primary School

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| **Approved by:** | Sam McCarthy-Patmore | **Date:** January 14th 2022 |
| **Last reviewed on:** | 11th January 2022 – inline with LFD testing update |
| **Next review due by:** | Inline with changes in Government guidance as necessary |

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| **When should my child self isolate or miss school?** | **NO** | ●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 covid.**●Instead, they will need to take a rapid LFD test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since the last contact with the person who tested positive for Covid-19, if this is earlier. |
| **YES** | ●**If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test, NOT a lateral flow test.****●If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.**●**If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but should take rapid LFD tests for 7 days.** |

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| Please note: this plan has been created in line with the latest government advice regarding contingency planning as set out in the DfE’s ‘Contingency framework: education and childcare settings’ and ‘Schools COVID-19 operational guidance’ documents. The government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to stay open as much as possible during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Any restrictions on education would only be as a last resort and should only be initiated following a ministerial decision on a case-by-case basis.We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government. It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example: * To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school
* If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
* As part of a package of measures responding to a ‘Variant of Concern’ (VoC)
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| 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● Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral flow tests regularly. |
| 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. ● Devon LA 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.Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ● Key Stage assemblies are replaced with phase group assemblies. ● Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Academy Head for individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).●Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using LFTs. |
| Number of cases 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 up to 10 days but can exit isolation on Day 7 with two negative lateral flow results on Day 6 and 7 but must be 24 hours apart. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. ● 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 use lateral flow tests for 7 consecutive days. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. ● **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate unless they obtain a positive lateral flow test (asymptomatic) or a positive PCR test if symptomatic.** |
| 5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 10% of people who have mixed closely Eg 3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club | ●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 Devon Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:  ●Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ●Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ●Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms. ●Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. ●If stopped, resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing (including supply)●KS1/Early Years & KS2 are kept separate as much as possible.●Lunches are served separately to the key stages, and are eaten in class.●Return to staggered start times and separate entrances for KS1 and KS2. |
| 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. | Consultation held between the school, Local Authority and Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: ●Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ●Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms. ●Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.●Move from twice weekly to daily LFD testing for staff (including supply) ● Return to staggered start times and separate entrances for KS1 and KS2.●Lunches are served separately to the key stages, and are eaten in class.●Return to staggered start times and separate entrances for KS1 and KS2.●Staff to wear masks in all communal areas. |
| **Shielding** We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list (SPL)](https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list).We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.  |
| **Other measures** **If recommended, we will limit:** Residential educational visits, Open days, Transition or taster days, Parents coming into school, Live performances**If recommended, we will reintroduce**:Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groupsFace coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt) |
| **Attendance restrictions** Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section. **4.1 Eligibility to remain in school**In the first instance, we will stay open for:* Vulnerable pupils
* Children of critical workers
* Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for: * Vulnerable pupils
* Children of critical workers

**4.2 Education and support for pupils at home**All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education. We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school.The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines. Parents will be notified of these arrangements via email.**4.3 Wraparound care** We will limit access to after-school activities during term time to those that need it most. We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed. **4.4 Safeguarding** We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective. We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.If our DSL (or deputy) can’t be on site, they can be contacted remotely by contacting the school office or via email: dan.turner@thelink.academy If our DSL (or deputy) is unavailable, we will share a DSL with others in our Trust. Their DSL can be contacted as outlined below: |

Jason Keenan - Hennock  01626 833233

Jill Ryder – Landscove 01803 762656

Anne Burns – Harbertonford 01803 732352

Jodie Churchward – Diptford 01548 821352

Dan Turner – Bearnes 01803 353980

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On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader(L3 trained) will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.

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