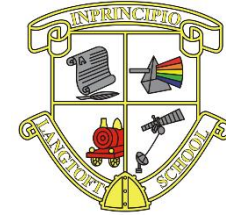


Langtoft Primary School



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Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan - September 2021 (updated December 2021)

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

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
- To help managed a suspected COVID-19 outbreak within 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)

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 years (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid-19.
- 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.
- From 14th December 2021 anyone aged 5 and over who has been identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 is strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result. If any of these LFD tests are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.



- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test (NOT a lateral flow device 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 and take a LFD test on day 5.**

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <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. • Hospitalisations/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 encourage where practical. • Ensuring rigorous cleaning schedule maintained. • Ensuring children/staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test and report results to school). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using lateral flow device (LFD) tests twice a week.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<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 causing disruption to other local schools. • LCC Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation and cleaning of classrooms increase and hand washing supervised. • Visitors/parents on site reduced. • Parents/carers to wear • Re-introducing staff/visitor face coverings for corridors, communal areas and where social distancing is not possible (this was reintroduced on 28 November 2021) • Requesting that parents wear masks when dropping off and collecting children especially when on school premises (this was reintroduced on 28 November 2021) • Staffroom capacity is reduced. • Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage/Class assemblies. • Clinically Vulnerable/Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment and discuss additional protection measures (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/groups) • We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
 <p>A single child tests positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. • There are fewer than 5 linked cases in the class/school. • No other classes are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. • School reports positive case (EFSA) and follows PHE advice. • Rigorous cleaning of classroom/high touch areas in which positive case identified. • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to book PCR test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. • 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 (although we advise parents to wait until a negative result is received). • Children identified as a close contact are now strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and report the results on the online system and to school.
 <p>5 children or staff within the school tests positive within 10 days of each other who have been in close contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 linked cases of Covid within 10 days in pupils or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely with each other, 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 the Local Health Protection Team (HPT) within Lincolnshire County Council and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing staff face coverings for corridors, communal areas and where social distancing is not possible (already in effect from 28 November as per updated guidance) • Requesting that parents wear masks when dropping off and collecting children especially when on school premises. (already in effect from 28 November as per updated guidance) • Increased ventilation, cleaning and hygiene routines. • Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days, performances and visitors/parents on the school site. • Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms. • Reducing the number 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 LCC Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to staggered school start and finish times.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.
 - Follow shielding advise from government in the event of a major outbreak or Variant of Concern.

The above procedures are subject to change based on Local or National guidance and situations. The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.