



## St Martin's CE Primary School

### Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;">  <p><b>NO</b></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b></li> <li>● <b>From 2nd January 2022</b> People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days <b>and continue to attend their setting as normal</b>, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.</li> <li>● <b>Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible.</b> They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the <a href="#">stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection</a>.</li> </ul>
	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;">  <p><b>YES</b></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.</b></li> <li>● <b>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test as soon as possible via a local testing site.</b></li> <li>● <b><u>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. If this is negative, close contacts are required to take an LFT test daily, 24 hours apart, for seven days. If these are all negative and symptoms do not develop, daily LFT testing can end. Children with a positive PCR should take an LFT on days six and seven, 24 hours apart. If both are negative, and covid symptoms are not present, children can return from day eight.</u></b></li> <li>● <b>If your child is isolating at home, but not ill, remote learning will be in place with 'live lessons' being streamed as much as possible.</b></li> </ul>

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminding children of good hand and respiratory hygiene</li> <li>● Ensuring good ventilation with use of CO2 monitors</li> </ul>

**Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.**

- Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.
- Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.
- Regular cleaning of surfaces in school
- Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test)
- No requirement for class bubbles, shared lunch times and breaks, whole school assemblies and singing can go ahead, face coverings are not required for adults

Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral flow tests until further notice.



**Rapidly Rising Community Transmission/ Enhanced Response Areas**

- 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.
  - Cornwall Local Authority / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.
- All measures as above, including:
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced
  - Staff-room capacity is reduced
  - Adult face coverings in shared areas inside
  - Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies/Remote Assemblies
  - Follow recommendation from Cornwall County Council and/or Public Health England
  - Mixed outside/playtimes
  - Hall spaces cleaned thoroughly between lunch sittings

**Number of Cases:**

**Description:**

**Actions:**



**A single child tests Positive**

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases within 10 days of each other.
- The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it via Google Classrooms. Please let the school know if you need to loan a Chromebook
- We will let you know there has been a positive case in your child's class
- The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.

- No other year groups are affected.
- Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at 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.**



**5 children or staff within a class test positive within 10 days of each other.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the possible outbreak with South West Public Health / Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, which may include:
  - Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
  - Reintroduction of one way system around school
  - Reverting to class bubbles
  - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
  - Reverting to Remote Assemblies and Collective Worship
  - Staggered lunchtimes and breaks
  - Reducing the amount 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 South West Public Health/Cornwall Local Authority to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
  - Re-introducing class bubbles
  - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school
  - Postponing all non-essential events
  - **Possible re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered. Keyworker and vulnerable children are expected to continue to attend school. This decision will be made in collaboration with Public Health England and Cornwall Local Authority**

**We will inform families of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.**