

## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan September 2021

The COVID19 guidance for schools has been updated over the summer and this guide is to help staff, parents and pupils to understand the expectations.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school and returning to normality without the need for class bubbles.



**It is expected that all children return to school and attend school every day unless they are ill.**

Children under 18 and 6 months and double vaccinated adults do not need to self-isolate or miss school or work if a member of their household or a contact, has COVID19.

What should my child do if someone in our household has COVID19 or my child has had close contact with someone outside of the household who has covid?



If someone in your household tests positive for COVID19 or your child has had contact with someone outside of the household who then tests positive for covid you should:

- Book a PCR test for your child. Time off school will be authorised to allow you to take your child for a PCR test but your child can continue to come to school as long as they do not have any COVID19 symptoms and the PCR test does not come back positive.
- If your child has had contact with a COVID19 case in school then you will be informed and asked to take your child for a PCR test.

When should my child self-isolate and stay off school and remain at home?



Your child **must** stay off school and remain at home if they have tested positive for COVID19.

Your child **must** also stay off school and remain at home if they have any of the following symptoms


- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

**You must take your child for a PCR test NOT use a Lateral Flow test**



If your child develops any of the symptoms above whilst they are at school you will need to collect them and they must self-isolate and have a PCR test.

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At Green Meadows Academy we continue to have a detailed Covid risk assessment in place which can be found on our school website [www.greenmeadows.org.uk](http://www.greenmeadows.org.uk). The information below is a summary of the action that we will take based on community risk and any school cases.

Community COVID19 Risk	Description	School Actions
Low community transmission and no school COVID19 cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been no cases of COVID19 within school for 10 school days</li> <li>Cases of COVID19 locally are low and/or stable</li> <li>Hospitalisation/deaths due to COVID19 nationally are low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind children of hygiene and the need for hand washing</li> <li>Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes as per school risk assessment</li> <li>Ensure good ventilation in classrooms wherever possible</li> <li>Follow public health advice on isolation if children/staff have COVID19 symptoms or PCR tests due to contacts</li> </ul>
Rapidly rising community transmission but no school COVID19 cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No current COVID19 cases have been recorded at school</li> <li>Cases of COVID19 are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other schools in Leeds / locally.</li> <li>Local Public Health/Public Health England issue warning of expected local/national infection wave</li> </ul>	<p>In addition to the actions listed above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased and pupil hand washing supervised</li> <li>Whole school assemblies replaced with Key Stage assemblies</li> <li>Clinically vulnerable staff meet with line-managers to discuss individual risk assessments and discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between zones)</li> </ul>
Number of cases in school	Description	Actions
 <p>A single case (children or staff) in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single child tests positive for COVID19</li> <li>No other pupils, staff or classes are affected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided for pupil if they are well enough to complete it, as outlined on the Remote Learning document on the school website.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test.</li> <li><b>Children do not need to miss school</b></li> </ul>

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		<p><b>or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID19 symptoms.</b></p>
 <p>5 children or staff within school test positive within 10 days of each other <u>OR</u> 3 children or staff in a single class/zone within 10 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been 5 cases of COVID19 across the school or 3 cases in a class within 10 days which could mean that COVID19 is spreading within that group of children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above re. self-isolation and PCR tests for each positive case</li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with the local Public Health team and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas</li> <li>- Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting activities, trips and assemblies</li> <li>- Reducing the movement of staff across the school</li> <li>- Limiting the movement of staff across the GMA schools</li> <li>- Resuming twice-weekly staff Lateral flow testing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p>COVID19 cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite the measures indicated above, COVID19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that COVID19 is spreading widely throughout the school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further contact with the local Public Health team to agree further measures for a further 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-introducing class bubbles</li> <li>- Limiting all non-essential visitors to school</li> <li>- Postponing all non-essential events</li> <li>- Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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