







Spring Common Academy – Outbreak Management Plan

<p>Should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<p>All children should attend school unless they are ill.</p> <p>Omicron Update From 8th December 2021 new guidance regarding the Omicron variant states: All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate for 10 days and asked to book a PCR test. Testing - A PCR test will confirm the Omicron variant. The lateral flow test will establish positive or negative coronavirus result and if positive you will need to book a PCR test.</p> <p>Delta Variant If a child develops Covid symptoms at home they should stay at home and book a PCR test (NOT a lateral flow test). If a child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book a PCR test for them. Test and trace and public health will give you information about the period of self-isolation if you have appositve result.</p> <p>A positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result should be confirmed with a PCR test. If a PCR test is negative within 2 days of a positive LFT, the child can return to school as long as they do not have symptoms and there is no contact with confirmed or suspected cases of Omicron variant.</p>
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COVID risk	Description	Action
<p>Low community transmission – no school cases.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of Covid in school for 30 days. • Cases of Covid locally are low and/or stable. • Hospitalisations/deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	<p>Limited measures necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hand hygiene. • Good ventilation encouraged. • Ensuring children/staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and book a PCR test). • Staff continue to test themselves twice weekly at home using Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs).
<p>Rapidly rising community transmission</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • Cambridgeshire Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. • Currently Cambridgeshire is an Enhanced Risk Area. 	<p>Increase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased and enhanced hand washing/cleaning encouraged. • Large indoor meetings and performances - numbers reduced. • Number of visitors to school reduced and face coverings for visitors reinstated. • Clinically vulnerable staff meet with managers to review risk assessments.

<p>Single child or staff member tests positive (or unlinked cases).</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child or staff member tests positive. • More than one child or staff member tests positive but in different parts of the school and not linked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child or member of staff self-isolates for 10 days and remote learning will be provided. • 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 and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate while waiting for the result of a PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms or have had close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of Omicron.
<p>2 or more linked cases in school.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 or more linked cases in the school, which could mean that Covid is spreading within a class or group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each child or member of staff self isolates for 10 days and remote learning will be provided. • The school discusses the outbreak with the local authority and agree strengthening protective measures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pausing educational visits, parental attendance, performances. ○ Visitors to wear face coverings. ○ Restrict number of visitors on site. ○ Return to limiting contacts through bubbles and restrictions on transitions in the part of school affected.
<p>Covid cases continue to rise rapidly locally or in school.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite measures implemented Covid cases within school continue to rise or local outbreak 	<p>Discussion with LA, PHE and DfE where required to introduce more widespread measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubbles and restricted contact reintroduced. • Staff breakout spaces. • Limit movement around school and use of communal areas. • Limit sharing of equipment and wipe down between use. • Enhanced on-site testing. <p>Last resort – Attendance restrictions (priority to keep socially vulnerable children and children of critical workers in school). Provide online learning to anyone not in school.</p>

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The Government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic. The DfE's published Covid Contingency framework states that schools should have an 'outbreak management plan', outlining how they would operate if any of the measures described in the guidance were recommended for their setting.

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some =circumstance, for example:

- To help manage a covid outbreak within a setting
- If there is an extremely high prevalence of Covid-19 in the community and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- As part of a package of measures responding to a variant of concern

In these cases, the guidance states that councils, Directors of Public Health and Public Health England protection teams can recommend certain measures for individual schools or clusters of settings.

If there is a need to address more widespread issues across an area 'ministers will take decisions based on an area-by-area basis'.

It is important to recognise that the Local authorities, Directors of Public Health and PHE health protection teams are responsible for managing localised outbreaks and will recommend some or all of the measures described above to individual education and childcare settings as part of their outbreak management responsibilities.