



COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

(To be read in conjunction with RSS School Opening Risk Assessment & RSS Remote Learning Plan)

Prioritising Education

The overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk.

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

We have a supply of face coverings available for people who:

- are struggling to access a face covering
- are unable to use their face covering as it has become damp, soiled or unsafe
- have forgotten their face covering

Safe wearing and removal of face coverings

When wearing a face covering, staff and visitors should:

- wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with the mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if they've touched the part of the face covering in contact with the mouth and nose
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession to minimise potential contamination

When removing a face covering, staff and visitors should:

- wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a household waste bin and do not recycle
- once removed, store reusable face coverings in a plastic bag until there is an opportunity to wash them.
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed



Thresholds

The thresholds below will be used as an indication for when to seek public health advice - whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 pupils or members of staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of pupils or members of staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Public Health advice should be sought if a pupil or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19.

School staff should test themselves using LFD twice weekly at home. Those who test positive should isolate, take a confirmatory PCR test and continue to isolate if the test result is positive.

Can a child/adult attend school?	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • Under-18s (+6months) irrespective of their vaccination status, double vaccinated adults (14 days after their final dose), anyone taking part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial, or anyone not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. • They will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will need to isolate.
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child/adult 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. • If a child/adult develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and should book a PCR test. • If a child/adult 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 – and will be strongly advised to book a PCR test.



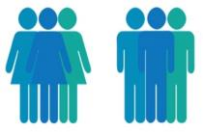
When to Self-Isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR as soon as possible if you have **any** of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

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

You should also self-isolate straight away if you've tested positive for COVID-19.

A self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. *Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
	<p>A single child/adult tests positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child/adult tests positive for COVID in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days (or 7 days – see above*). Remote learning will be provided if the child is well enough to complete it. • Parents/Carers of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish close contacts. • Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. • Children should attend school whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID Symptoms.
 	<p>5 children/adults within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>10% of pupils/adults test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Milton Keynes Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing staff face masks. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open-days and performances. ○ Re-introducing bubbles. ○ Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing.
	<p>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, COVID cases within the school continue to rise within a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Milton Keynes Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events.



10-day period with multiple
classes and staff affected.