

William Read Primary School and Nursery Outbreak Management Plan – December 2021



Control measures – December 2021 onwards

The following control measures will remain in place in September regardless of any confirmed outbreak:

- Maintenance of good hygiene on the school premises:
- Encouragement of regular hand washing through prompting of children and adults
- Availability of sanitiser in classrooms and various other locations around the school
- Reminder of 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' to children
- Use of PPE where necessary (e.g. treatment of unwell children)
- Availability of detergents; cleaning (additional to that provided by the contractor) during the school day
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Staff are encouraged to undertake twice weekly home tests from the start of term until the end of September (when this will be reviewed by the government).
- Adherence to public health advice when an individual develops Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test (see below).
- From 18th July, close contacts are identified via NHS Test and Trace (education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing).

Action to be taken when an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

- Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).
- If anyone in the school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, they are sent home and they should then follow public health advice (i.e. get a PCR test and self isolate).
- Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate. They will also need to [get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19](#). Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil/staff member can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary. Any rooms they use should be cleaned after they have left.
- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, if they are fully vaccinated or are below the age of 18 years and 6 months. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Actions to be taken by the school in response to a suspected outbreak

Department for Education [guidance](#) states public health advice should be sought if

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

REQUIREMENT	ACTION(S) COMPLETED?	BY WHOM?
<p>ADVICE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advice is sought from at least one of the below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essex Contact Tracing Team: 0300 303 2698; provide.escontacttracing@nhs.net ○ DFE Helpline: 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 		
<p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior leadership team meeting is convened ASAP to consider the advice given above and the possible re-introduction of additional measures (see government contingency framework that describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of Coronavirus) to limit the transmission of Covid-19 such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-isolation of close contacts ○ Re-introduction of bubble arrangements/reduction of mixing between groups of pupils ○ Re-introduction of face coverings ○ Encouragement of asymptomatic testing amongst parents 	<p>Omicron Parents and staff asked to wear face masks. All meetings and assemblies to be virtual (28th November)</p> <p><i>Following two positive staff cases and 5 confirmed cases across the school. We decided to live stream and record the Nativity. (2nd December)</i></p>	<p>TM</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All other staff updated on circumstances and measures taken ● Parents informed updated on circumstances and measures taken 	<p>TM asked parents via dojo to wear facemasks when on site (28th Nov)</p>	<p>TM</p>