**Isle of Ely Primary School**

COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan- September 2021

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| **Should my child self-isolate or miss school?**  Familiar, people, inside, house, group, persons, Four, Home, Family icon | * All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. * From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a contact has COVID.   **NO**   * Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative. |
| C:\Users\SBlyth\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\B83F28AA.tmp   * If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test, NOT a Lateral Flow Test. * If your child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.   **YES**   * **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.** |

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| **Community COVID Risk** | **Description** | **Action** |
| **Low Community Transmission.**  **No School Cases.** | * There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days. * Cases of COVID locally are low and/or stable. * Hospitalisations/Deaths due to COVID nationally are low. | NO COVID measures are necessary beyond:   * Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. * Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. * Ensuring children/staff to stay at home if they have COVID symptoms (and to book a PCR test)   Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests until the end of September. |
| **Rapidly Rising Community Transmission** | * 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. * Cambridgeshire Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. | * Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. * Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. * Staff room capacity is reduced. * Whole school assemblies are replaced with ‘online’ assemblies. * Extremely clinically vulnerable staff meet with line managers to review their Individual Risk assessment and discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/groups). |

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| **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 in the year group. * No other year groups are affected. | * The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined [here](https://www.theschoolbus.net/compliancemanager/public/pupil-remote-learning-policy/70321a89-59cc-4ec9-866a-477198df3d72/37206). * 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 & Trace and advised to book 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 year group test positive within 10 days of each other.  OR  3 children or staff in a single Class/Club within 10 days. | * There have been 5 cases of COVID across a year group within 10 days which could mean that COVID is spreading within that group of children. | * As above for each positive case. * The school will discuss the outbreak with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health and agree strengthening protective measure for 10 school days. Including: * Re-introducing staff face masks for corridor and communal areas. * Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. * Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms. * Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. * Resuming twice weekly staff lateral flow testing. |
| COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.  The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID measures should these be needed. | * 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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: * Re-introducing class bubbles. * Reverting to class-based lunches. * Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. * Postponing all non-essential events. * Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days. |