



# Ladybridge Primary School

## Covid - 19: Outbreak Management Plan update 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

<p><b>When should children come to school?</b></p>	<p>All children must attend school unless they are ill or isolating following a positive result from a PCR test. From 16<sup>th</sup> August children under 18 or double vaccinated adults do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid. Instead they will need to book a PCR but can continue coming into school as long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.</p>
<p><b>When should my child stay at home?</b></p>	<p>If a child develops symptoms at home they should stay at home, a PCR test must be taken (not a Lateral Flow test). If your child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home; a PCR test must be taken (not a Lateral Flow test). 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 – they should book a PCR test even if they do not have any symptoms.</p>
<p>This plan is based on the <a href="#">contingency framework for managing local outbreaks</a> of Covid and the <a href="#">schools operational guidance from step 4</a>, provided by the Department for Education (DfE).</p> <p><b>We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan if there is an outbreak of Covid-19 in school i.e. 5 or more cases in one class, or cases are spreading across the school or in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.</b></p> <p>It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help manage a Covid outbreak within the school</li> <li>• If Covid infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission</li> <li>• As part of a package of measures responding to a ‘variant of concern’ (VoC)</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Shielding</u></b></p>	<p>We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the <a href="#">shielded patient list (SPL)</a>.</p> <p>We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.</p>
<p><b><u>Other measures</u></b></p>	<p>If recommended, we will limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential educational visits</li> <li>• Open days</li> <li>• Transition or taster days</li> <li>• Parents coming into school</li> <li>• Live performances</li> </ul> <p>If recommended, we will reintroduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups</li> <li>• Limit the number of children eating in the hall at lunchtime</li> <li>• Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Ventilation</u></b></p>	<p>Good ventilation will be maintained at all times, classroom windows and doors will be open and the corridor doors to the outside (once the site is secured after the children have arrived). In very cold weather windows can be closed during working times. The classrooms have a CO2 monitors in place, if the monitors turn amber or</p>

	red the windows will need to be reopened for a short amount of time to refresh the air flow.
<b><u>Attendance restrictions</u></b>	<p>Attendance restrictions will only be carried out as a last resort. If the government, Public Health England, the LA or similar body recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.</p> <p>In the case of a serious outbreak we will follow advice from PHE, the government and the LA, we will stay open for all children that the government or similar body advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable pupils</li> <li>• Children of critical workers</li> <li>• Children with Special Educational Needs or Disability</li> </ul>
<b><u>Education and support for pupils at home</u></b>	<p>If there is a local outbreak or national/local lockdown all other pupils apart from those named above will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.</p> <p>We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school, where possible there will be two live lessons a day and a home learning pack. Technology, books, pencils etc. will be given to vulnerable children.</p> <p>The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of Covid isolation guidelines. These will be collected from school unless the families are unable to due to isolating or other difficulties – we will make every effort to ensure that we deliver food or vouchers to these families.</p>
<b><u>Wraparound care</u></b>	<p>We will limit access to before and after-school activities during term time to those that need it most.</p> <p>We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.</p>
<b><u>Masks and Face Coverings:</u></b>	We will follow advice from PHE regarding masks. From 29 <sup>th</sup> November staff are advised to wear masks in public areas of school. Masks and / or face coverings to be worn by adults in communal areas. Within classrooms it will be at the staff's discretion.
<b><u>Lateral Flow tests</u></b>	Staff are advised to take twice weekly lateral flow tests, this can be increased to daily. This is at the discretion of each person unless the Government enforce daily testing.
<b><u>Safeguarding</u></b>	<p>We will adhere to our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective. We will contact vulnerable families to offer support as needed if they are not attending school.</p> <p>We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site at all times.</p>
<b><u>Health and Safety</u></b>	Additional cleaning will take place if there is an outbreak in school, extra cleaning of surfaces, chairs tables etc. where possible a room will not be used for 72 hours.