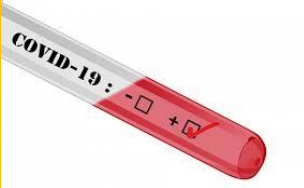




The Forest School COVID Contingency Planning 2021-2022


This guide is intended to support parents and staff in understanding the recent changes and our plans for COVID management in the coming school year.

<p>Returning to School</p> 	<p>It is expected that all children will return to school and attend school every day unless they are ill.</p> <p>Children under 18 and 6 months and adults who have been doubly vaccinated do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a contact, has COVID.</p>
<p>What should my child do if someone in our household has COVID or my child has had close contact with someone outside of the household who has COVID?</p> 	<p>If someone in your household tests positive for COVID or your child has had contact with someone outside of the household who then tests positive for COVID you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book a PCR test for your child. Time off school will be authorised to allow you to take your child for a PCR test but your child can continue to come to school as long as they do not have any COVID symptoms and the PCR test does not come back positive.• If your child has had contact with a COVID case in school then you will be informed and asked to take your child for a PCR test.
<p>When should my child self-isolate and stay off school and remain at home?</p> 	<p>Your child must stay off school and remain at home if they have tested positive for COVID.</p> <p>Your child must also stay off school and remain at home if they have any of the following symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A high temperature• A new, continuous cough• A loss or change to sense of smell or taste <p>You must take your child for a PCR test NOT use a Lateral Flow test</p> <p>If your child develops any of the symptoms above whilst they are at school you will need to collect them and they must self-isolate and have a PCR test.</p>





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The information below is a summary of the action that we will take based on changes in risk factors.

Community COVID Risk	Description	School Actions
<p>Low community transmission and no school COVID cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days • Cases of COVID locally are low and/or stable • Hospitalisation/deaths due to COVID nationally are low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind children of hygiene and the need for hand washing • Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes as per school risk assessment • Ensure good ventilation in classrooms wherever possible • Follow public health advice on isolation if children/staff have COVID symptoms or PCR tests due to contacts
<p>Rapidly rising community transmission but no school COVID cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current COVID cases have been recorded at school • Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other schools in Lincolnshire • Local Public Health/Public Health England issue warning of expected local/national infection wave 	<p>In addition to the actions listed above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased and pupil hand washing supervised • Consider replacing whole school assemblies with Key Stage assemblies • Consider current advice on clinically vulnerable staff members and act accordingly with PHE guidance.
Number of cases in school	Description	Actions
 <p>A single case (child or staff) in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child tests positive for COVID • No other pupils, staff or classes are affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided for pupil as required • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. • 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.



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 <p>5 children or staff within school test positive within 10 days of each other OR 3 children or staff in a single class within 10 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been 5 cases of COVID across the school or 3 cases in a class within 10 days which could mean that COVID is spreading within that group of children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above re self-isolation and PCR tests for each positive case• The school will discuss the outbreak with the local public health team and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, which could include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas- Adapting, limiting or postponing activities inc assembly- Reducing the movement of staff across the school- 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 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that COVID is spreading widely throughout the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued contact with PHE to agree further measures which may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Re-introducing class bubbles- Limiting all non-essential visitors to school- Postponing all non-essential events- Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes where necessary and as a last resort.