Paternoster School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan, July 2022

• All pupils MUST attend school unless they are ill.

- If a child develops Covid-19 symptoms at home and is unwell, they should stay at home until better. Parents may carry out a confirmatory LFD test at home if they wish.
- If a child develops Covid-19 symptoms at school and is unwell, parents will be asked to collect them. They should stay at home until better. Parents may carry out a confirmatory LFD test at home if they wish.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, they will need to self-isolate for 3 days. The day of the positive test counts as the first day of the self-isolation period. They may return to school on Day 4 *only* if they are better.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
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. Hospitalisation/ deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	 No Covid measures are necessary beyond: Reminding pupils/staff of good hand-hygiene. Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. Ensuring pupils/staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms until they feel better (and to take an LFD test if they wish).
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	 No current Covid-19 cases have been recorded at school, but Cases of Covid-19 are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. The Government issues warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	 Ventilation of classrooms increased, and handwashing supervised. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Whole-school assemblies/joint activities may be replaced virtually.

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
A single pupil tests positive	 A single pupil tests positive for Covid-19 in a class. There are fewer than 5 cases in the school. No other classes are affected. 	 Pupils who test positive for Covid-19 should self-isolate for 3 days. They may return to school on Day 4 if well enough. Adults who test positive for Covid-19 should self-isolate for 5 days. They may return to school on Day 6 if well enough. Remote learning will be provided for pupils if they are well enough to complete it.
5 pupils or staff within school test positive within 10 days of each other. <u>OR</u> 3 pupils or staff in a single Class within 10 days.	 There have been 5 cases of Covid-19 across school within 10 days which could mean that Covid-19 is spreading. 	 As above for each positive case. The school may implement strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: Mask wearing for all adults and secondary age pupils in classrooms and communal areas. Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days, and performances. Reverting to remote Assemblies in classrooms. Reducing the number of classes staff work across. Clinically vulnerable staff meet with SLT to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g., use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups). Staff-room capacity is reduced.
Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.	• Despite the measures indicated above, Covid- 19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10-day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid- 19 is spreading widely throughout the school.	 All measures as above. The school will implement further measures, <u>for another 10</u> <u>school days</u>, including: Re-introducing class bubbles. Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. Postponing all non-essential events. Consider re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.

School will inform parents and guardians of any changes to Covid-19 measures should these be needed.