

Sheering Church of England Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan Autumn 2021



<p>When should my child be in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid.• 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.
<p>When should my child stay at home?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
<p>Low community transmission. No school 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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hand hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation is encouraged where practical. • Ensuring children / staff stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and book a PCR test). • Staff will continue to test themselves using lateral flow tests until the end of September.
<p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Essex Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing supervised. • Indoor events with large numbers, eg parent consultations or plays, are subject to review. • Staffroom capacity is reduced. • Whole-school collective worship are replaced with Key Stage collective worship. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).
<p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. ▪ 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 a 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.

<p>5 children or staff within a Key Stage test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>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 a year group within 10 days, which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. 	<p>As above for each positive case.</p> <p>The school will discuss the outbreak with Essex Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ▪ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ▪ Reverting to video-link collective worship in classrooms. ▪ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
<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. 	<p>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Essex Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-introducing class bubbles. ▪ Reverting to class-based school lunches and Collective Worship. ▪ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ▪ Postponing all non-essential events. ▪ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined on our website.