

Huncote Primary School Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Jan 2022

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO

- 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 do a daily LFD test for 7 days but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test results are negative. *(The main symptoms continue to be: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. However, the symptoms often seen with the omicron variant include head and muscle aches, sore throat and a runny nose).*



YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), if a Lateral Flow test is taken instead at home and is positive a PCR is now not required.
- 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 do daily LFD tests for 7 days.**

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
Stage 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-4 cases, unlinked, or linked outside if setting within 10 days. • Setting has not had high case numbers previously. • Low cases in local area. • Setting in line with current guidance. <p>Settings to maintain ownership at this stage as minimal input from Health Protection Team is required for implementation</p>	<p>Measures to consider at all times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation – keep windows open, • Face coverings on school transport • Encourage vaccination for all those eligible • Regularly emphasise guidance around isolating and testing when symptomatic • Regular cleaning of frequently touched points • Remind parents of national & LCC guidance of testing (subject to change) • Close contacts to perform a testing in line with current guidance
Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5- 10 cases within 10 days-linked in setting • OR 10% of staff and pupils test positive within 10 days, and are linked • OR setting has medium level of cases previously • OR medium levels in local area <p>Settings to maintain ownership at this stage as minimal input from HPT is required for implementation</p>	<p>All measures of stage 0 (above), plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasising and enhancing current measures – cleaning, ventilation, testing etc. • Consider activities taking place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes • One-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment • Communications from the setting to the community about current cases. • Specific testing strategies (such as class testing if >5 cases) • If cases within indoor activities (such as sports/ singing, ask team to perform daily LFD test for 7 days

<p>Stage 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-20 cases within 10 days linked in setting • OR approximately 20% of setting tested positive • OR setting has medium/high level of cases previously • OR medium/high levels in local area <p>LCC HPT will aim to make contact to ensure measures are appropriate and proportionate</p>	<p>All measures listed above, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasising and enhancing current measures – cleaning, ventilation, testing etc. • Encouraging uptake of asymptomatic testing • If not already suggested by national guidance, reintroducing face coverings in communal areas (template letter can be provided) • Limiting visits, performances etc.
<p>Stage 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21+ cases within 10 days linked in setting or 25% setting testing positive • AND/OR setting has high level of cases previously • AND/OR high levels in local area <p>LCC HPT will aim to make contact to ensure measures are appropriate and proportionate</p>	<p>All measures listed above, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If cases are within one particular club, consider temporary suspension of this activity for 2 weeks • Communications from LCC about the cases - specific to setting circumstances • Reintroducing measures to prevent mixing between class/ year groups • Escalation to an OCT where appropriate • IPC/HPT LCC visit where appropriate
<p>Stage 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50+ cases/30% of setting positive within 10 days 	<p>All measures listed above, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications from LCC about the cases- specific to setting circumstances • Escalation to an OCT • IPC/HPT LCC visit • Primaries: Request twice weekly LFD tests for a fortnight • 5 or more cases in a class consider offer of remote learning for 10 days. This should be discussed with the health protection team and not used as a prescriptive formula.

The school will inform the school community of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.