








Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Dec. 2021

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| <p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p>  |  <p>NO</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, unless their household or contact has the omicron variant. In this case, all contacts must self isolate. • Instead, they should book a PCR test. Children can continue coming to school so long as they are not displaying symptoms and the result is negative. (They may also attend school whilst waiting for results) |
| |  <p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> 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 for 10 days or the period of isolation recommended to you by the NHS. 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 |
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|  <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 to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). • Bubbles are not required. • Children can mix at playtimes and lunchtimes. • Staff and visitors must wear face in communal areas • We encourage our school community to conduct LFT's twice weekly. |
|  | <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school face to face assemblies are replaced with virtual assemblies. • Extremely clinically vulnerable staff/parents of children who are extremely clinically |

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| Rapidly Rising Community Transmission | <p>disruption to other local schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancashire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. | <p>vulnerable, meet with the Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</p> |
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| Number of Cases: | Description: | Actions: |
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|  <p>A single child tests Positive</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. There are fewer than 3 cases in the year group. No other year groups are affected. | <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 at 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>3 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3 children or staff in a Club within 10 days.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% of the class who have tested positive for Covid within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <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 Assemblies in classrooms. Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. Cleaning surfaces after every session. Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing. Class bubbles to have separate break times. |



Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.

- 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.
- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Lancashire Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches/playtimes.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.**

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