






St. Laurence in Thanet Junior Academy

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Updated Feb 28 2022



<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. • They will NO LONGER need to take daily LFD tests
	 <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 take a PCR test. They must isolate until they have the result. • If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should get them to take a PCR test. • If your child tests positive on a LFD test and has no symptoms they must self isolate for 5 days • If your child tests positive for Covid on either test 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. The child must isolate for at least 5 days. If they have a negative LFD on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6 they can return to school immediately. If the LFD is positive the child can return to school after 2 consecutive negative tests OR after 10 days.

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 encouraged where practical. • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms and to take a PCR test, or if they have a positive LFD test and NO symptoms.
 <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. • Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Face coverings for adults in communal areas. • Whole-school assemblies are replaced with US and LS and remote assemblies/ remote. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection

local/ national
infection wave.

(e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in
movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:

Description:

Actions:



**A single child tests
Positive**

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.
- No other year groups are affected.
- The child self-isolates for 10 days OR returns to school on day 6 after 2 negative LFD tests on the mornings of days 5 & 6. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined [here](#).
- School will send out a 'warn and inform' letter to the school community.



**5 children or staff
within a class group
test positive within
10 days of each
other.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid across a class group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Kent Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 - Yr group 'Bubbles' for playtimes.



**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 Kent Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
 - 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 [here](#).**

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