



# Park and Parkwall Primary Federation

## Contingency Framework for Outbreaks of COVID-19

September 2021



### Working together to empower children to become aspirational, global citizens

It is our priority that education continues to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic and in particular from September 2021 onwards by

- maximising the number of children in face-to-face education and minimising any disruption in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk
- ensuring any measures affect the minimum number of children for the shortest time
- implementing attendance restrictions only as a last resort
- prioritising our most vulnerable children for enhanced additional safeguarding measures

When should your child self-isolate or miss school

NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill or have tested positive for Covid</li><li>• They do <b>not have to isolate</b> if a member of their household or close contact has tested positive but should a PCR test and continue coming to school</li></ul>
YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home – they should stay at home and book a PCR test (NOT LFD test)</li><li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test</li><li>• If your child tests positive for Covid they will need to self-isolate in line with current guidance (the rest of the household should book a PCR test)</li></ul>

Measures affecting education may be necessary in some circumstances and fall into four categories

Category	Threshold	Measures we will take
	<b>Baseline control measures</b> We can implement this without any external approval and prior to an outbreak (ongoing normal measures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow public health guidance on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 and inform community of these</li> <li>Maintain cleaning regimes including hand hygiene</li> <li>Keep spaces well ventilated</li> <li>Appropriate use of PPE</li> <li>Encourage vaccination uptake for eligible staff</li> <li>Promote PCR testing for close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace</li> </ul>
	<b>Additional outbreak control measures</b> We will consider these actions if one of these thresholds is met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 children, pupils or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;</li> <li>10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.</li> </ul> Plus, additional health protection thresholds for support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are any admissions to hospital for ARI/COVID-19</li> <li>Problems implementing the control measures.</li> <li>Control measures applied but we still seeing a significant rise in cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide warn and inform identified groups e.g. class, group etc if a threshold is met</li> <li>Consider moving activities outdoors e.g. assembly, PE</li> <li>Further improve ventilation</li> <li>One off enhanced cleaning e.g. additional fogging, touch points, shared equipment</li> <li>Review and reinforce hygiene measures</li> <li>Promote vaccination uptake for eligible staff</li> </ul>
	<b>Enhanced outbreak control measures</b> These measures may be recommended following a risk assessment (IMT) with local authority public health or the SWHPT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased frequency of LFD testing for staff</li> <li>Promote social distancing and reduce crowding e.g. staggered start, break, lunch and finish times</li> <li>Reduce mixing of staff e.g. hold meetings remotely</li> <li>Temporarily reinstate face coverings in communal areas</li> <li>Limit educational trips, visitors, parental attendance, live performances</li> </ul>
	<b>Exceptional outbreak control measures</b> These measures may be recommended in exceptional circumstances following a joint risk assessment (education and public health) via an Outbreak Control Team (OCT) meeting	Attendance restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partial closure - Individuals / groups self-isolate and moving to remote learning</li> <li>Full closure - Move to remote learning for the whole school</li> <li>Wraparound care – limit access to before and after school activities and wrap around care during term time and the summer holidays to those that need it most e.g. vulnerable pupils</li> </ul>

We will report an outbreak for risk assessment if we meet the thresholds via our local process [ey/schoolcovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:ey/schoolcovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk) or via DfE helpline (0800 046 8687)