

Aspire Federation - William Hildyard Risk Assessment for COVID-19 –September 2021 (Live document)

At present, advice from the Government is that all children should be in school. Children and staff do not need to self-isolate if a member of their family tests positive for COVID-19 unless they develop symptoms. If this is the case they are required to have a PCR Test but should continue to attend school until a positive result is given. Only at this point must they self-isolate. Track and Trace are responsible for advising those who are required to self-isolate.

The school keeps up to date with advice issued by, but not limited to the following:
DfE, NHS, PHE, Department of Health and Social Care and Lincolnshire's health protection team.

Pupils, staff and other adults do not enter the school premises if:

- They have tested positive for coronavirus in the last 10 days.
- They are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside of the Common Travel Area.


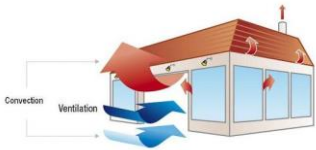
If anyone in the school develops coronavirus symptoms while at school they are:


- Sent home and parents asked to arrange for a PCR Test to be taken.
- Staff members who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves. They will then be advised to have a PCR Test but can continue to come to school until a positive test result is received.



The school does not routinely take the temperature of children.

There will always be a risk attached for spreading COVID-19 whilst groups of people / children are mixing in school. We are not able to eliminate the risk, however the risk assessment is in place to mitigate the risk.

If a sharp rise in infections take place, actions from previous COVID-19 Risk Assessments can be reinstated to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

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. ○ Encourage Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR Test) <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Test twice a week until further notice.</p>
<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. ○ Lincolnshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local / national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing / sanitising supervised. ○ Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. ○ Staffroom capacity is reduced. ○ Whole-school workshops are replaced with Key Stage workshops. ○ Clinically vulnerable staff meet with Senior Leaders to review their individual risk assessment and discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes / groups).

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
<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 5 children in the class who have tested positive within the last 10 days. ○ No other classes are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote education 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 and Trace and advised to book a PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 year group test positive within 10 days of each other</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have been 5 cases of Covid across the year group 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 Lincolnshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reintroducing face masks for staff in corridors and communal areas ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sports events, educational visits, open days, services and performances ○ Reverting to video-linked workshops in the classrooms
<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Lincolnshire's Health Protection Team to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles ○ Reverting to smaller class numbers eating lunch in the school hall ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school ○ Postponing all non-essential events ○ Reintroducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days

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