








Maple Primary School Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan April 2022

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p>	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill or have tested positive for Covid. As per government guidelines, 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 can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home.</u> If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no known cases of Covid withinschool 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.
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No known current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. Hertfordshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave 	<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. Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

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

Please see further guidance notes below:-

1. This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance from step 4](#), provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

2. We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

3. Attendance restrictions will only be introduced as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures below.

We will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.
- All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.
- We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school, as outlined in remote learning policy.
- The school will continue to provide meals vouchers for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.
- We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and the summer holidays to those that need it most.
- We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.
- We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.
- We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.
- If our DSL (or deputy) can't be on site, they can be contacted remotely by phone, school number as displayed on the website.