

## St Charles' VC Academy

### Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021

<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	 <b>NO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children <b>MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b></li> <li>From 16<sup>th</sup> 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.</li> <li>Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.</li> </ul>
	 <b>YES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <b>stay at home</b> and should book a PRC test), <b>NOT</b> a Lateral Flow test.</li> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.</li> <li>If your child tests positive for Covid, 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 – but instead should book a PRC test.</li> </ul>

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.</li> <li>Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.</li> <li>Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...</li> <li>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>Hull Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.</li> <li>Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</li> </ul>

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 <p><b>A single child tests Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.</li> <li>No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined on the school's website and in the Remote learning plan.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PRC Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.</li> <li><b>Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have Covid Symptoms.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>5 children or staff within a phase group test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club within 10 days.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 5 cases of Covid across a phase group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with Hull Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas.</li> <li>Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms.</li> <li>Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.</li> <li>Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p><b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion held between the school, Trust and Hull Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing class bubbles.</li> <li>Re-introducing staggered timings for busy periods, such as drop off, breaks, lunch and collection times.</li> <li>Reverting to class-based school lunches.</li> <li>Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.</li> <li>Postponing all non-essential events.</li> <li>Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered if necessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

The Trust and individual schools will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.