

## **Aspire Federation – St. George’s 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.


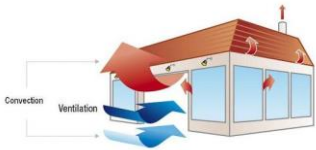
If anyone in the school develops coronavirus symptoms while at school they are:


- 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"> <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>○ Encourage 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 Test twice a week until further notice.</p>
<p>Rapidly rising community transmission</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>○ Lincolnshire 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 and hand-washing / sanitising supervised.</li> <li>○ Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>○ Staffroom capacity is reduced.</li> <li>○ Whole-school workshops are replaced with Key Stage workshops.</li> <li>○ 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).</li> </ul>

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>
<p>5 Children or Staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As above for each positive case</li> <li>○ 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"> <li>○ Reintroducing face masks for staff in corridors and communal areas</li> <li>○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sports events, educational visits, open days, services and performances</li> <li>○ Reverting to video-linked workshops in the classrooms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period</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>○ 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"> <li>○ Re-introducing class bubbles</li> <li>○ Reverting to smaller class numbers eating lunch in the school hall</li> <li>○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school</li> <li>○ Postponing all non-essential events</li> <li>○ Reintroducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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