




## Old Earth School Covid-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan April 2022 (v8)

<p><b>When should my child stay at home?</b></p> 		<p><b>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 testing (either routine or symptomatic) is no longer indicated except in very particular situations (hospitals etc). There is no access to free testing for most people.</li> <li>- Children and young people with mild symptoms of respiratory infection, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to the setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough.</li> <li>• Anyone who does test positive with a lateral flow test-should stay at home for 5 days (adults) or 3 days (children).</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><b>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding everyone of good hand hygiene.</li> <li>• Maintain cleaning regimes.</li> <li>• Ensuring good ventilation where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring children/ staff stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature.</li> </ul>

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<b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission.</b>	<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>• Calderdale Public Health/ Public Health England/ UK Government issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment and discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</li> </ul>
<b>A single positive case.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single positive case of Covid-19.</li> <li>• There are fewer than 5 cases in the class.</li> <li>• No other classes affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter will be sent from school to all potential close contacts advising them of a positive case.</li> <li>• The individual who has tested positive self-isolates and follows the isolation guidance and advice.. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete this.</li> <li>• Staff members testing positive will work remotely from home if they are well enough.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>5 or more cases in a year group test positive within 10 days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been more cases of Covid across a class within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that year group of the children.</li> </ul>	<p><b>As above for each positive case.</b></p> <p>The school will discuss the outbreak with Public Health Calderdale and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>• Reverting to online and class assemblies only.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing the number of classes that staff work across.</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 school continue to rise within a 10-day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely through the school.</li> </ul>	<p>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Calderdale Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introduction of class bubbles.</li> <li>Reverting to lunches in classrooms.</li> <li>Reverting to staggered breaks.</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 and year groups considered.</li> </ul>