









Townhill Junior School

Covid 19 Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16th 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 19. Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms. They may be in school while they await the test result.
	 <p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test (<u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test). If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. If your child <u>tests</u> positive for Covid 19, 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 PCR test.)

<u>Community Covid 19 Risk</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actions</u>
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no cases of Covid 19 within school for 10 school days. Cases of Covid 19 locally are low and/ or stable. Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid 19 nationally are low. 	<p>No Covid 19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid 19 Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff can opt in to twice weekly lateral flow testing. Ensure good ventilation in all areas
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current Covid 19 cases have been recorded at school, but cases of Covid 19 are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. Southampton Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand-washing supervised. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Staff-room capacity is reduced. Whole-school assemblies are replaced with upper and lower school 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).

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 19 in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it, via Seesaw and Teams. • 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 & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid 19 Symptoms.
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>3 children or staff in a single Class/Club within 10 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases of Covid 19 across a year group within 10 days, which could mean that Covid 19 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 Southampton Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms. ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 <p>Covid 19 cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, Covid 19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period, with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid 19 is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Southampton Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, utilising Seesaw and Teams.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid 19 measures should these be needed.