

### **Aspire Federation – St. George’s Risk Assessment for COVID-19 –March 2022 (Live document)**

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 which remain as a continuous cough, a high temperature and or a loss of the senses of smell and taste. If this is the case they should seek to have a PCR Test and should not attend school until a negative result is given. Guidance says that when symptoms have subsided and there has been two negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart, then a pupil can return to school. It is important to remember that if a child is unwell and not able to cope with their learning in the classroom, then they should not return to school.

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.

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

- Sent home.
- 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.
- 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</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> </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.</li> <li>○ No other classes are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The child remains at home until two negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart have been taken. Remote education will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li> <li>○ Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of a PCR test, if taken, 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As above for each positive case</li> </ul>

	<p>spreading within that group of children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The school will discuss the outbreak with Lincolnshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures:</li> <li>○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sports events, educational visits, open days, services and performance.</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>○ Lincolnshire's Health Protection Team contacted for any further advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school</li> <li>○ Postponing all non-essential events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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