



Wokingham Borough Council

Education and Childcare Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022

Please continue to inform us of **all** positive cases within your setting and any covid-related absences via ChildrensCV19Support@wokingham.gov.uk.



The Contingency Framework for Education and Childcare Settings ([here](#)) has been updated to highlight when schools and settings should consider extra action following positive cases.

For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:



- **5** children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have **mixed closely**, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; OR
- **10%** of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have **mixed closely** test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

For special schools, residential settings, and settings that operate with 20 or fewer children, pupils, students and staff at any one time:


- **2** children, pupils, students and staff, who are likely to have **mixed closely**, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of Covid within school/setting identified within the last 10 working days. • Cases of Covid in and around the borough are low and/or stable • Hospitalisations/deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	<p>Maintaining good infection control – e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good hygiene • Effective cleaning regimes • Effective ventilation • Strong messaging around signs and symptoms of illness for early identification and action <p>Voluntary asymptomatic testing to continue.</p>
 <p>Concerning Rates of Community Transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of Covid in and around the borough are of concern. • Whilst there continues to be no cases in your school/setting, other schools/settings are affected. • Further advice may be provided by local Public Health professionals. 	<p>Good infection control measures further heightened.</p> <p>Additional Covid measures to be considered by schools/settings – e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in mixing • Limiting contact • Relevant vulnerable staff and pupil risk assessments reviewed



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 	<p>If asymptomatic and positive via LFT – requirement to self-isolate immediately.</p> <p>If symptomatic and positive via LFT – requirement to self-isolate immediately and seek a confirmatory PCR test.</p> <p>Self-isolation period can be reduced with two negative LFT tests, at least 24 hours apart, from day 5 onwards.</p> <hr/> <p>Siblings attending school are advised to adhere to NHS household guidance (here) and engage in 7 days of LFT testing.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote learning will be provided if the child is well enough to complete it. School/setting considers using template letter to inform community to enable heightened vigilance. School/setting to remind parents/carers of signs and symptoms to look for. School/setting to inform Children’s Covid-19 Taskforce (childrensCV19Support@wokingham.gov.uk) Seek Public Health advice in respect of any pupil or staff member being admitted to hospital with Covid-19 (DfE helpline number 0800 046 8687, option 1)
 <p>Contingency Framework thresholds met</p>	<p>The Contingency Framework thresholds have been met:</p> <p>5 children or staff that have closely mixed test positive within 10 days <u>OR</u> 10% of children or staff population that have closely mixed test positive within 10 days</p> <p>For special schools: 2 children, pupils, students and staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period</p>	<p>As above for each positive case</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review your infection controls/communicable disease – review business continuity plans, cleansing and hygiene practices, PPE for staff/relevant (secondary) pupils Close contacts and timing (48 hours): think about the space of when cases occurred and their interconnectivity Invitation for the close contact group to engage in daily LFT testing for 7 days (preferably before attending school each morning). All can engage in LFT testing if they are more than 10 days from testing positive. Review of ventilation in affected room(s): consider high efficiency filters – HP13 or HP14 – to clean the air. Ensure you select filters with noise levels less than 50 decibels. If you have any concerns about ventilation, the Health and Safety team can provide professional recommendations to support you further (health.safety@wokingham.gov.uk) Be transparent & empower your community: keep them informed of cases using the local warn and inform template. This will help with the ability for parents to pick up on if symptoms may be covid and encourages enhanced vigilance. Containment where possible: where is it practical and feasible to isolate this group? In what ways can you mitigate spread into other groups? E.g. reduce mixing of staff and pupils, review risk assessments, potential limitation of: residential education visits, open days, transition/taster days, parental attendance, live performances, sporting events or similar



		<p>where there is evidence of ongoing transmission within cohort where visits/events etc are planned.</p> <p>7) Alert those who are vulnerable: review risk assessments where appropriate</p> <p>Continue to notify the Children's Covid-19 taskforce of positive cases. You will be linked with an attached officer to provide you additional support (childrensCV19Support@wokingham.gov.uk)</p>
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period</p>	<p>Cases continue and are confirmed as in-school transmission.</p>	<p>Further measures to be discussed with local authority and health colleagues. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponing non-essential activity• Reinstating face coverings• Considering increasing frequency of testing and/or on-site testing