

Contingency Framework: Information for parents

The following information explains how we will deal with Covid outbreaks within the school and what you should expect for you and your family should this happen. This is based on Suffolk County Council's Public Health Framework for managing Covid-19 in Suffolk childcare and educational settings.

Level 1

The school is operating at level one when less than 10% of pupils within a class have tested positive for Covid-19 over a ten-day period.

Protective measures at level one include:

All routine control and IPC measures, e.g., hand washing, ventilation and CO2 monitoring, cleaning, LFD testing for staff, excluding symptomatic individuals from the setting, promotion of vaccination to eligible staff and students

Visitor face masks whilst in the school building (unless exempt for medical reasons)

Twice-weekly LFD home testing for asymptomatic staff

Daily LFD testing of fully vaccinated staff and children aged 5-18 years and 6 months who are close contacts and isolation of unvaccinated staff who are close contacts – vaccinated adult close contacts and children close contacts aged 5-18 years and 6 months are strongly advised to undertake daily LFD testing for 7 days. Unvaccinated adult close contacts are required to isolate for 10 days and obtain a PCR as soon as possible (complete 10 day isolation even if PCR negative). All children testing remains at parental discretion and children under 5 are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.

We continue to encourage any children or staff who are living with a family member who has tested positive to remain at home for their isolation period due to the increased risk of becoming infected and bringing the virus into school.

Individual children testing positive and isolating (or isolating because a family member is positive) will be set work daily on Seesaw by their

class teacher. This will begin on the day after we are informed of their positive case (unless a class member is already at home and work is being set).

Level 2

The school is operating at level 2 when 10-29% of a class (3-8 children and/or adults) test positive for Covid-19 within a ten-day period.

Protective measures at level 2 include:

As per Level 1 +

Face Coverings

Setting may choose to consider asking staff to wear face coverings when in communal areas, in line with the DfE Contingency Framework.

Consider re-introducing 'bubble' arrangements indoors

Consider staggered start and end times to reduce mixing

Any isolating pupils will continue to receive work daily from teachers via Seesaw.

Level 3

The school is operating at level 3 when, despite level 2 actions, chains of transmission are not broken and 30% of a class (9 children and adults) test positive for Covid-19 within a ten-day period.

Protective measures at level 3 include:

As per Level 2 +

No non-essential visitors

Settings are not recommended to organise any face-to-face events

If chains of transmission are not broken by all above measures, consider attendance restrictions as last resort - Affected class or group to move to home learning for as short a period of time as possible,

but with on-site provision remaining for vulnerable children and key worker children.

When a whole class is sent home children will be set work daily via the Seesaw app.