



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



Cheadle Catholic Infant School

Covid-19 Management Plan – September 2021

1. Prevention Measures

- 1.1. Whilst national guidance from the 19 July 2021 (updated 17 August 2021) removed many of system of controls for educational settings, educational settings will need to consider which measures to continue or strengthen to ensure that the spread of Covid-19 continues to be minimised.
- 1.2. The following measures, considered by public health and education colleagues to have the maximum effect on the spread of the virus with minimum impact on the quality of education., **remain in place**.
- 1.3. A number of measures previously in place have now been removed because of their negative impact on children's education. Additional measures may be re-introduced wholly or partly in the event of an outbreak of Covid-19 on advice from Stockport Public Health Team or Public Health England.
- 1.4.

Covid-19 Measures in Educational Settings from September 2021	
Effective and should be continued	
1	DO Vaccination - for all those eligible.
2	DO Testing - for those with symptoms must isolate and book a PCR test and isolate until the results are known. Continue with LFT home-based testing for staff and secondary-age students without symptoms. DO follow this local guidance and report cases to your local Single Point of Contact (SPOC).
3	DO Support positive cases to isolate, and support contact tracing of staff as per workplace guidance .
4	DO Social distancing between staff (where feasible).

5	DO Respiratory hygiene – for example ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’.
6	DO Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
7	DO Personal protective equipment (PPE) – to be used in an appropriate and safe manner when managing a symptomatic/ Covid-19 positive person within the setting.
8	DO Hand hygiene - Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that students clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
9	DO Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes , using standard products such as detergents.
10	WHERE POSSIBLE Utilise multiple entrances and exits to and from the setting to avoid large crowding and utilise outdoor space.
11	WHERE POSSIBLE Reduce the number of occasions where larger numbers of adults come into the building and where possible or advantageous to the setting/ families utilise remote connect methods.

Face Coverings

- 1.5. The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but experts are recommending that face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where individuals may come into contact with people they don't normally meet. This includes public and dedicated school transport.

- 1.6. Some staff **may choose** to continue to wear a face covering in some/ all circumstances.
- 1.7. If we have an outbreak or a substantial increase in cases in our setting the Director of Public Health (DPH) may advise that we temporarily re-introduce the wearing of face coverings in communal areas by staff and visitors (unless exempt).

2. Risk Assessments and Outbreak Management Plans

- 2.1. Educational settings must continue to have a risk assessment in place that is regularly reviewed and communicated with all staff. In addition, following national guidance, educational settings are required to maintain an Outbreak Management Plan which should outline how the setting would operate if there were an outbreak in your setting or local area.

3. When an individual develops Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Symptomatic

- 3.1. When someone develops [symptoms](#) (however mild they may be), **they should not come into the setting**. They should isolate at home and seek a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible. If someone develops symptoms whilst in the setting, they should be safely sent home to isolate and book a PCR test.
- 3.2. If a student is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary. Any rooms they use should be cleaned after they have left using the appropriate cleaning products.
- 3.3. For anyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public and school transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.
- 3.4. The individual should follow the national [‘Stay at Home’ Guidance](#) for people with possible or confirmed Covid-19 infection.
- 3.5. As previously, people who test positive on an LFD test must isolate immediately and are required to have a confirmatory PCR test.

- 3.6. All positive cases are required to isolate at home for 10 full days, either from the onset of their symptoms, or test date if asymptomatic. If an asymptomatic case develops symptoms within their isolation, they must restart their isolation from the onset of symptoms. The individual should follow the national [‘Stay at Home’ Guidance](#) for people with possible or confirmed Covid-19 infection.
- 3.7. Please note a staff member or student should not need to be re-tested via a Lateral flow test or PCR test within 90 days of a previous confirmed positive test, unless new symptoms develop, in which case they should book a PCR. If they are re-tested and the result is positive, they will be required to re-isolate.

Contact Tracing

- 3.8. Educational settings will no longer be required to carry out routine contact tracing as close contacts will be traced by the NHS Test and Trace Service. The NHS Test and Trace Service will speak with the case, or the case’s parent or legal guardian to identify close contacts. Contacts in setting will only be traced by the NHS Test and Trace Service where the case or the parent/legal guardian of the case identifies the individual as having close contact. With close contact being defined as:
- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:
 - being coughed on, or
 - having a face-to-face conversation, or
 - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
 - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
 - a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

An interaction through a Perspex (or equivalent) screen with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is not usually considered to be a contact, as long as there has been no other contact such as those in the list above.

Isolation of Close Contacts

- 3.9. From 16 August 2021, close contacts who are fully/doubled vaccinated¹ or those under the age of 18 and 6 months and those who have taken part in, are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or are not able to be vaccinated for medical reasons will not need to self-isolate. This also means that household contacts who are under the age of 18 and 6 months or fully/doubled vaccinated will no longer need to isolate while symptomatic individuals await PCR test and results.
- 3.10. All close contacts identified will be advised to take a PCR test
- 3.11. Individuals identified as **close contacts will not need to self-isolate while they are awaiting the results of their test.**
- 3.12. If the PCR test is positive, the individual must isolate, and the NHS Test and Trace Service will work with them or their parent/legal guardian to identify any close contacts.

4. Managing an Outbreak Situation

- 4.1. A combination of the following might suggest there is a Covid-19 outbreak at our school:
 - 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

¹ Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Outbreak Management Plan

Actions to reduce cases in the setting:

- Minimise the risks of Covid-19 in their setting, including:
 - A cleaning regime including focusing on touchpoints
 - Support for good hygiene including handwashing and sanitiser use in the setting
 - Good ventilation
- Communicate with staff, students and parents/ guardians on symptoms and what to do if symptomatic – regular updates and reminders will be important:
 - Staff and/or students who are experiencing coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, should not attend school/ setting. They should arrange to have a PCR test.
 - Parents of students with Covid-19 symptoms should be instructed to get their child tested.
 - Staff who experience symptoms as above whilst at work should go home as soon as possible and should arrange to have a PCR test.
 - Pupils who experience Covid-19 symptoms should be collected from school/ setting as soon as possible. They should be kept 2m apart from all other pupils and staff whilst on site, where possible. If pupil needs direct personal care until they can return home, staff should wear gloves, an apron and a face mask. Eye protection should also be worn if deemed risk from coughing/spitting/vomiting.

Response to individual cases:

- Under 18s and double vaccinated adults will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. But they will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and then if positive, will need to isolate.
- Adults who are not vaccinated should still isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19.

Response to an outbreak:

Definition of an outbreak:

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

Actions to take:

- Keep the school open to all children other than those who are symptomatic or have tested positive and are self isolating. Continue normal teaching provision while awaiting further discussion with Stockport Council.

