

## Lyncrest Primary School COVID-19 School Opening Risk Assessment Plan January 2022

This risk assessment takes into account the most up to date guidance from the DfE published on January 2nd, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Strategies to reduce the risk of transmission:	Who	Measures taken:	Status/RAG Rating
<b>Reducing contact of children in different key stages</b>	Staff and Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Although guidance states bubbles are no longer a requirement, as a school, we will aim to limit contact across key stages as far as possible, particularly inside when in less well-ventilated areas.</li> <li>- Different break times for the 2 key stages</li> <li>- Minimal cross over at lunchtimes in the hall</li> <li>- Assemblies to be delivered in key stages rather than whole school</li> <li>- In order to make sure learning can still continue in sessions such as RWI and spelling, children can mix across years ½, ¾, 5/6 if there are Covid cases but this will be stopped if an outbreak occurs.</li> <li>- Adults can continue to cross bubbles for cover purposes and RWI, spelling where needed but can wear masks and visors to limit risk,</li> </ul>	G
<b>Good hygiene practices</b>	Staff Children and Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular hand washing throughout the day but particularly at start and end of school day and lunchtimes</li> <li>- Sanitiser widely available</li> <li>- Follow the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' approach</li> <li>- Well ventilated classrooms, staffroom, hall and communal areas by having doors and windows open as far as possible while maintaining a comfortable temperature. If too cold to have open all the day, make sure they are opened regularly throughout the day including at break and lunchtimes.</li> <li>- Use of CO2 monitors to check ventilation.</li> </ul>	G
<b>Isolating positive cases</b>	Staff and Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone unwell with Covid symptoms (a new and persistent cough, high temperature, loss of or change in taste/smell) will be isolated in a well-ventilated room and sent home.</li> <li>- If close contact is necessary, PPE should be worn.</li> <li>- This room will be cleaned when they have left.</li> <li>- Where possible, they should be collected by a member of their own household and avoid using public transport.</li> <li>- They will be advised to have a PCR test and isolate until they have the result.</li> <li>- If they test positive they should isolate in line with government guidance for 10 days. If they receive a negative lateral flow on days 6 and 7 they can return on day 8.</li> </ul>	G

<b>Tracing close contacts of a positive case</b>	Staff and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Close contacts of a positive case will now be identified by NHS Test and Trace and not by school. Close contacts are likely to be advised to book a PCR test – guidance states that children contacted do not need to isolate while awaiting this PCR result unless they have Covid symptoms. However, as a school we will support parental decisions regarding isolation.</li> <li>- Information about positive cases will be shared (anonymously) with families and staff so they can make decisions they feel comfortable with.</li> </ul>	G
<b>Consider pupil or staff travel from high risk areas (abroad or within the UK)</b>	Staff and Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone travelling must adhere to travel legislation</li> <li>- Parents to be informed of rules pre-travel</li> <li>- Parents must adhere to the government guidelines linked to travel depending on green/amber/red list countries and quarantine as required</li> </ul>	G
<b>Use of PPE</b>	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Face coverings will be worn by staff in communal areas.</li> <li>- Staff may also choose to wear PPE when administering first aid or for any other close contact they may have with a child. This is personal choice but PPE will be provided within school.</li> </ul>	G
<b>Lateral Flow Testing</b>	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff to be encouraged to Lateral Flow test 2 x a week - school to provide test kits.</li> <li>- Anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should isolate and book a PCR test. They should continue to isolate until they get the result. If the PCR is negative, the staff member can return to work unless they have Covid symptoms.</li> <li>- Anyone who is a close contact of a positive case will be asked to lateral flow test every day for 7 days.</li> </ul>	G
<b>Limiting visitors to the school</b>	Parents and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents will be allowed on the school grounds for drop off and collection but at this stage will not be admitted into the school building in large groups for events such as assemblies</li> <li>- Individual parents may be invited into school for meetings. Where possible, these will be carried out in a well-ventilated room and face coverings can be worn if chosen.</li> <li>- Visitors for educational purposes will be allowed to visit the school but a thorough risk assessment for each visit will be carried out to mitigate any risks – they may be asked to take a lateral flow test, may conduct their visit outside or will be in a large space with ventilation to ensure maximum distance and minimum risk of transmission.</li> </ul>	G
<b>Risk assessing education visits</b>	Teachers SLT EVC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All visits will need to be individually risk assessed in relation to public health advice such as hygiene and ventilation</li> </ul>	G