

## Contingency Plan - January 2022



The contingency plan identifies the extra precautions the school will take if the number of positive cases substantially increases - indicating transmission is happening in the school. The threshold this plan will be implemented is:

### **2 cases within a group (class/bus) of children and staff in 10 days**

At this point, we will:

- Complete one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on the areas used by the class, touch points and any shared equipment
- **Stop any mixing of the children and staff in the affected group, which could significantly reduce staffing options and could result in the class closing for a short time, if adequate staffing levels cannot be provided without mixing.**

**If 2 or more classes have met the threshold level in the same 10 days then we will:**

- Consult Public Health
- Review existing measures

We will also consider:

- Whether activities involving mixing of classes should continue or take place in a way to minimise transmission e.g. outdoors
- Ways to further improve ventilation

We will re-introduce the following restrictions:

- Stop offsite visits or non-essential visitors
- Reduce mixing of staff and children during the school day - distancing within staff room, virtual meetings, no assemblies, staggering movement around school, reduce classes in dinner hall
- **Implement 'bubbles' and minimise mixing beyond these, this would particularly restrict cover options for staff absence which could impact on staffing levels, resulting in class closures.**
- Encourage greater uptake/regularity of asymptomatic testing
- Enhanced cleaning across the school - particularly in area of increased transmission

**In extreme circumstances, if advised, we would restrict attendance e.g. send the classes with positive cases home**

### Communicating and ensuring swift action:

- This plan will be shared with all staff, parents and governors in advance
- The decision to implement the plan will be made by the headteacher and communicated to all the school community at this point for immediate action.
- Parents will be kept informed via email and text messages