Contingency Plan – March 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

• Encourage increased uptake of twice weekly asymptomatic testing across the school and daily testing for the class.

• 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 3 or more classes have met the threshold level in the same 10 days then we will:

• Review existing measures

We will also consider:

· Wearing masks at the beginning and end of the day

• Implementing rotas and allotting times for playtimes and stagger movement around school

• Reducing numbers of classes to use a communal space at a time – please follow timetables/check it is not in use beforehand

• Avoiding large groups of staff/children inside or plan alternative ways of this happening e.g. Assemblies, Activities involving all staff

· Avoiding adding in additional cover/mixing of staffing (other than planned) in classes during the 7 days following a positive case – this could have staffing implications.

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