



## **Worlingham CEVC Primary School**

### **COVID Contingency Document 2021/22**

The DfE's Operational Guidance sets out the measures schools should take on a day to day basis to manage the transmission of Covid 19. In line with the DfE's Contingency Framework document for educational settings, we have also produced this contingency plan in case we face increased levels of Covid-19 transmission.

When 5 children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for Covid-19 in a 10 day period, we will seek public health advice. Examples of 'mixing closely' will mean for our setting within a class; a friendship group who have played together at break or lunch; an after school group; or another obvious 'group' such as a phonics group or maths set.

In the event of such an 'outbreak', the school will consider the following as additional control measures in addition to public health advice:

- To reinforce our procedures for what to do if a child is unwell or symptomatic at school.
- To stop whole-school indoor gatherings such as assemblies, and instead look to hold these outside, or virtually for a period of 2 weeks.
- To ensure ventilation in school is used as much as possible.
- To increase cleaning in the hall at lunchtimes.
- Enhanced cleaning of affected areas, such as the classroom
- To encourage lessons where possible to be outside.
- To reinforce the need for testing with staff.

In line with advice from public health, we are able to implement the following contingency plans if necessary and advisable:

- More frequent staff testing, and contacting families to suggest their children are tested regularly at home.
- The reintroduction of staff mask wearing in central areas.
- Reducing and limiting e.g. visits, open days, transition days, parental attendance in school and live performances in school.
- As an extreme resort and only when advised by public health, to temporarily send a class/group home, or to close the school or restrict attendance to vulnerable children or the children of critical workers.

Remote education will be provided for any child who has tested positive for Covid-19 but is well enough to learn from home, or in the event that the school is temporarily closed.