



Risk Assessment Update – OMICRON

Portesham CE VA Primary School

4.1.22

Rationale:

We will continue to follow advice given directly from Public Health England, the Local Authority and of course the most recent update of from the government within the 'Action for Schools' document 2.1.22. We will continue to support the implementation of additional measures in order to mitigate the increased risk presented by the Omicron variant and the return to school after the festive break.

The purpose of these increased measures is of course to reduce the possibilities of transmission but also to ensure that we are doing everything within our power to preserve 'face to face' learning for all pupils.

Aims:

- 1. To protect population health and prevent widespread transmission of Covid 19*
- 2. To support schools and early years settings to stay open and to maximise children's access to education, learning and mental and emotional health*
- 3. To strengthen awareness of the identification of symptoms and key messages relating to testing*
- 4. To continue to promote and publicise the effectiveness of vaccination as the best protection for everyone*
- 5. To provide advice and consistency of approach across the region that helps schools take decisions when thresholds have been met on a case by case basis*

Additional Control measures:

1. School site will remain closed to all but SLT approved visits, safeguarding or essential visits.
2. All visitors to site will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their visit.
3. Staff will continue to wear masks within shared spaces such as corridors
4. Enhanced cleaning will continue to be a priority within the school with targeted 'high contact' points being prioritised.
5. Ventilation will remain a priority across the whole school with Co2 monitors being used in poor ventilation areas to ensure this is managed effectively.
6. Hand hygiene will continue to be a priority, with pupils washing at regular intervals within the day.

7. Positive LFT results will still require a PCR and to isolate accordingly (7 to 10 days) until a negative test. Close contacts will be encouraged to LFT for 7 days and react accordingly to the results. We will continue to take it case by case and encourage symptomatic pupils and adults to get a PCR.
8. As a school we continue to promote regular LFT testing within the staff and school community.

Mrs V Prior (Headteacher) and Mr Martin Pearson Vice Chair of Governors

4.1.22- Electronic Signatures

Staff consulted/ informed via email: 3.1.22

Approved by VP and MP 4.1.21