



## COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

### September 2021

**When should my child self-isolate or miss school?**





**NO**




- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.



**YES**

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test - NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated. They should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.</li> <li>• Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.</li> <li>• Hospitalisation/deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>• Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring children/staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> </ul> <p>Staff will be asked to continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...</li> <li>• Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>• Newcastle Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>• Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.</li> <li>• Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</li> </ul>

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 <p><b>A single child tests positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>• There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.</li> <li>• No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete this.</li> <li>• The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.</li> <li>• <b>Other children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>3 children or staff in a single class/club within 10 days.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children/staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with Newcastle Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas.</li> <li>• Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>• Reverting to assemblies in classrooms.</li> <li>• Reverting to bubbles.</li> <li>• Reducing the number of classes staff work across.</li> <li>• Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p><b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting held between school and Newcastle Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>. This could include: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reverting to class-based lunches.</li> <li>• Limiting all non-essential visitors</li> <li>• Postponing all non-essential events.</li> <li>• <b>Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.**