Byfield School

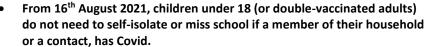
Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?







 Instead, they will should book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.





- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC test), <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC 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 but instead advised to book a PRC test.

Community Covid Risk

Description

Actions



Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.

- There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.
- Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.
- Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.

No Covid measures are necessary beyond:

- Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.
- Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.
- Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).
- Staff should continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September



Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but...
- Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.
- Northamptonshire Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing supervised.
- Volenteers and parents required to wear facemasks when coming inside school building
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:

Description:

Actions:



5 children or staff within a Key Stage test positive within 10 days of each other.

OR

3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club within 10 days. There have been 5
 cases of Covid across a
 key stage group within
 10 days which could
 mean that Covid is
 spreading within that
 group of children.

- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Northamptonshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Having staggered start and end of day to reduce number of people at pick-up.
 - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Assemblies only happening in classrooms.
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches.



Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period. 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.

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Northamptonshire Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a</u> further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - o Postponing all non-essential events.
 - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.

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