Brunton First School

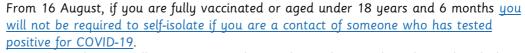


COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan - September 2021

When should my child selfisolate or miss school?



Government Guidance for Households with possible or confirmed cases of COVID-19:





NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible.

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- Please report the reason for absence immediately and inform the office you have booked a PCR 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.

Community	Description	Actions
Covid Risk		
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 will be asked to continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests.
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. Newcastle Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	 Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Staff-room capacity is reduced. Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers 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:
A single child tests Positive	 A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. No other year groups are affected. 	 The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete this. The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.
5 children or staff within a year group 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 year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children/staff.	 The school will discuss the outbreak with Newcastle Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: Re-introducing staff face masks for communal areas. Adapting or cancel indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. Reverting to assemblies in classrooms. Reverting to bubbles. Re-introduce staggered start and end times Re-introduce one way system Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. Staff will be asked to continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests.
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.	 Meeting held between school and Newcastle Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days. This could include: - Limiting all non-essential visitors Postponing all non-essential events. Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.

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