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Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – January 2022



<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<div>  <p>NO</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill or have tested positive for Covid. • From 16th 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 are strongly advised to take a LFT test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. <div>  <p>YES</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT). • If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and should take a LFT. If your child tests positive on a LFT they do not need to book a PCR test. They need to self-isolate for a minimum of 5 full days. They can end their isolation from day 6, if they have a negative LFT on days 5 and 6. Or if they have two negative LFTs 24 hours apart after day 6. If they continue to test positive on a LFT, they must isolate for ten days.
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Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral flow tests.
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • NCC Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child self-isolates. If they test negative on a LFT on day 5 and day 6 of their isolation, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their isolation on day 6. If they continue to have a high temperature and test positive on a LFT they must isolate for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace. From 14.12.21, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (or Resource Base) within 10 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Northumberland Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms. Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Northumberland Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including possibly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing class bubbles. Reverting to class-based school lunches. Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. 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.