







Bamburgh School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Information for Parents & Carers - September 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16th August 2021, children under 18 years 6 months (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact, has Covid. • Instead, they are advised to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	 <p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR 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 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 years 6 months or fully vaccinated – but you are advised to book a PCR test. • NHS Test & Trace will contact you to identify close contacts of your child. • Remote learning will be provided for your child to complete if they are well enough.

Situation	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. Few School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ There have been few cases of Covid within school. □ Cases of Covid locally are low and / or stable. 	<p>Covid measures in school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reminding pupils of good hand-hygiene. □ Ensuring good ventilation where practical. □ Ensuring pupils & staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and book a PCR test). <p>Staff and pupils are encouraged to continue to test themselves at home using Lateral Flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p>2 pupils who have mixed in school test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ There have been 2 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days. □ This could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The school will review existing measures and discuss the outbreak with South Tyneside Director of Public Health. □ Enhanced protective measures may be introduced, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing face coverings for corridors & communal areas. ○ Re-introducing home LFD testing for staff and pupils. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, transition events, parents' evenings, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to assemblies via Google Classroom.
 <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"> □ The Director of Public Health may agree further measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twice-weekly on-site testing in school. ○ Further limiting of school events and visits. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ In exceptional cases, re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days will be considered.