








Bedlington Academy

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Information for Parents & Carers

Sept. 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<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.
	 YES	<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>5 pupils (or 10%) who have mixed in school test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days. • 10% of pupils within a small group (e.g. social group, extra-curricular club) test positive for Covid 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 Northumberland 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 in classrooms via Teams.



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.
- The Director of Public Health may agree further measures, including:
 - 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.**