

BIRKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan- September 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16th August 2021 children under the age (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 need to book a PCR test but continue coming to school, if they have no symptoms and the test result comes back negative.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home and you should book a PCR test for them</u> (not a lateral flow test). If your child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and <u>you should book them a PCR test.</u> <p>If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated- but instead should book a PCR test.</p>

Community COVID Risk	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No school cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days Cases locally are low/ stable Hospitalisations/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 Maintaining the use of hand sanitizer Good ventilation protocols are in place across school Ensuring children & staff stay at home and book a PCR test, when they develop symptoms
Rapidly rising community transmission	<p>No current COVID cases have been recorded in school but</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases of COVID are rapidly rising in the community causing disruption to other local schools Nottinghamshire County Public Health/ Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase hand-hygiene regime and supervision Increase ventilation in classrooms and halls Whole school assemblies replaces with key stage ones Use of staff-room reduced Meet with clinically vulnerable staff to discuss risk assessment

Number of cases	Description	Actions
One child tests positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A single child tests positive for COVID in a class -There are fewer than 5 cases in a year group -No other year groups are affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided, if they are well enough to complete. -The parent/carers of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. -Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. -Children that have been identified as close contact do not need to miss school or self-isolated whilst they are waiting for PCR test results, unless they develop COVID symptoms.
5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other	There have been 5 cases of COVID across a year group within 10 days, which could mean that COVID is spreading within a group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -As above for positive cases. -The school will discuss the outbreak with Nottinghamshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days. These may include: reintroduction of face-masks for staff in communal areas, adapting curriculum provision and limiting visitors into class.
COVID cases continue to rapidly increase within a 10 day period	Despite the actions indicated above, COVID cases within school continue to rise within a 10 day period, with multiple classes and staff affected	-Meeting held between the school and Nottinghamshire public health to agree further actions and measures for an additional 10 days. These may include: reintroduction of class-bubbles, reverting to staggered end of day times, postponing identified events, identifying areas for a deep clean and reintroducing remote learning for 10 days,