

Barnfield Primary School

Covid Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO

- All children **MUST attend school unless they are ill.**
- 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 will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.**



YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC 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 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PRC test.**

Community Covid risk

Description

Action



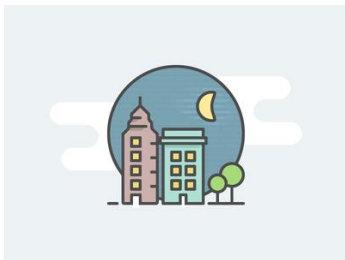
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.

- 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 is encouraged where practical.
- Monitor CO2 levels
- Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).

Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.



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.
- Barnet Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised.
- Large indoor gatherings reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced. (multiple mini staffrooms reinstated)
- Key stage assemblies go inline
- 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

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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 it.
- 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 PRC Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.
- **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**



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 (or Resource Base) 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.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Barnet Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reverting to Online Assemblies in classrooms.
 - Limiting staff to year group bubbles
 - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.



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.
- Incident Management meeting held between the school and Barnet Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days is considered, as outlined here.