

Newlands Primary School - COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan - Sept. 2021

<p>Should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO Attend school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 PCR test, but can continue attending school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative
	 YES Isolate at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and book a PCR test – NOT a lateral flow test. If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be isolated and then sent home – you should book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of your household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but they should book a PCR test.

The table below explains different responses to different levels of COVID within school and/or the wider community: School will inform parents if any of these actions are taken!

Community COVID risk	Description	Actions
 Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<p>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 days.</p> <p>Cases of Covid locally are low and/or stable.</p> <p>Hospitalisation/Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</p>	<p>No additional Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <p>Reminding children of good hand hygiene</p> <p>Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical</p> <p>Ensuring children/staff stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test)</p> <p><i>Staff will continue to test themselves using lateral flow tests until the end of September.</i></p>
 Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<p>No current Covid cases have been recorded at school but...</p> <p>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools</p> <p>Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave.</p>	<p>Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand washing supervised.</p> <p>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced</p> <p>Staffroom capacity is reduced.</p>

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 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<p>A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</p> <p>There are fewer than 5 cases in the class.</p> <p>No other classes are affected.</p>	<p>The child self-isolates for 10 days.</p> <p>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts</p> <p>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.</p> <p>Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms.</p> <p>Other children in the year group will NOT be asked to isolate.</p>
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<p>There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group or phase within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</p>	<p>As above for each positive case.</p> <p>The school will discuss the outbreak with Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:</p> <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. ● Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. ● Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school, TKAT and Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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