



Thrapston Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

Please read in conjunction with latest DFE Advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<p> NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.<input type="checkbox"/> 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.<input type="checkbox"/> Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative. <hr/> <p> YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.<input type="checkbox"/> If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.<input type="checkbox"/> 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 PCR test.<input type="checkbox"/> If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate
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Community Covid Risk

Description

Actions



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.
- Continue with regular cleaning schedule as we have now
- Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.
- 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.
Bucks Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.
- 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:

Actions:



A single child or adult tests positive

A single child or adult 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/adult self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.
- The parents of the child/ close contacts of the adult 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 PCR Test.
- **All children or any staff who are double vaccinated do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**
- **If teacher not double jabbed- we will seek temporary cover in first instance to allow children to attend school**



**5 children or staff
within a year group
test positive within
10 days of each
other.
OR
10% of children or
staff who have
mixed closely have
tested positive
within a 10 day
period**

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 Bucks 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/parents to assemblies
- Reverting to class and or video-link Assemblies in classrooms.
- Reducing the amount of classes staff work across and children mix with Consider reintroducing class room based lunches
- Continue twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
- There may be a need to send a class home at this stage- advice will be sought with DFE and local Public Health. If this is the case, remote learning to be provided within 24 hours



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.

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- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and North Northants Public Health/DFE to agree further measures.
- Sending home of class bubble for remote learning- this would be as a last resort.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.