

Bapchild and Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – February 2022

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?

DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 24 February 2022, contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

GUIDANCE TO SELF-ISOLATE

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if children/adults have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Risk Assessment/Action Plan

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 the DfE measures: • Reminding and encourage students of good hand hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. • Ensuring Pupils/ Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral flow tests.
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. Kent HSA and England UKHSA issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.	• Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing encouraged as measures. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced or become virtual. • Consider whole-school workshops being replaced with Key Stage assemblies or whole school online workshops.
A single child tests positive	A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.	The child self-isolates for 10 days.

	• There are fewer than 10 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected.	*Refer to guidance How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days • Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete. • 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.
Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.	There have been 10 cases of Covid across a year group within 5 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 Kent UKHSA and agree strengthening protective measures for 5 school days*, this may include: • Consider individual year group bubbles with staggered start/end time etc. • Consider re-introducing key stage bubbles • Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. • Reverting to virtual worships in classrooms. • Encouraging daily LFD testing for all children. • Where staffing becomes problematic consider collapsing classes. * Refer to guidance How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days
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.	Leadership Team meeting held between the school and UKHSA to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, may include: • Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. • Postponing all non-essential events. • Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days

