

Bapchild and Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021

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 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 coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.

DO NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If you child tests **POSITIVE** on a LFD (Lateral Flow test) then they should stay at home and book a PCR test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR 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 PCR test.

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 until the end of September when we will have an update from the DFE.
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.	• Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing encouraged as measures. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced or become virtual.

	• Kent Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.	• Consider whole-school worships being replaced with Key Stage assemblies or whole school online worships.
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. • 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 a PCR Test. • 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 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 Kent Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 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.
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 Kent Public Health 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.

