








St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<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 coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. • Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Sunderland Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. • Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings)

national infection wave.

- Children don't move classrooms.
- Discuss with Sunderland Public Health reverting to staggered lunchtimes.

Number of Cases:

Description:

Actions:



A single child tests Positive

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the class.
- 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 or work packs are sent home
- 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 PCR 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 PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**



5 children or staff within a class test positive within 10 days of each other.

- There have been 5 cases of Covid across a class 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 Sunderland Public Health / Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
 - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reverting to Key Stage Assemblies.
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 - Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.



Covid cases continue

- 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

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Sunderland Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.

**to increase rapidly
within a 10 day
period.**

spreading widely
throughout the school.

- Postponing all non-essential events.
- **Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.**

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