



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School

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Covid Outbreak Management Plan – September 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?	<div> NO</div> <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 to attend school so long as they have no symptoms.	
	<div> YES</div> <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, Lateral Flow test are not to be used for children with symptoms.• 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
Low Community Transmission. Low School Cases.	<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.	Covid measures below are maintained as necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good hand-hygiene• Good ventilation• Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).• Whole school assemblies taking place in key stages.• Staff will continue to test themselves on a twice weekly basis using Lateral flow tests.
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cases of Covid are rising in the community causing disruption to other local schools.• Public Health Durham/ Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above plus the following• Parents encouraged to communicate via email/telephone• Visitors to be kept to a minimum• Face coverings for parents to be encouraged at drop off and collections times.

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
A number of children/staff testing positive within 10 days of each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive Covid cases in school. There are fewer than 5 cases in a single class or less than 10% school population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive cases self-isolate for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided for children to complete if they are well enough. 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. Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test <u>unless</u> they have Covid Symptoms. The school will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. Postponing school events
More than 5 cases in a single class/small group or 10% of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outbreak discussed with Public Health Durham. If advised:- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Durham Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only essential visitors allowed into school. Postponing all non-essential events. Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.
Safeguarding	Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Davis, Mr Knighton, Mr Innes & Miss Butler and can be contacted via the school office on 01207 520 436 or p3213.admin@durhamlearning.net	
Shielding	Should shielding be reintroduced by national government then those on the shielded patient list should follow national guidance. Shielded pupils will be required to learn remotely from home. Shielded staff will be required to work from home.	
Contact tracing	Contact tracing may be reinstated and in this situation DCC will work with schools to ascertain the contacts of cases during their infectious period and will provide a letter for schools to share with identified contacts advising the contact to seek a PCR test and where not exempt, to self-isolate. For primary school age pupils the whole class would usually be considered contacts of a case.	
Attendance Restrictions	If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will still be allowed to attend. If, by exception, attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical workers should still be allowed to attend.	
Free School Meals	If a class or large group closes due to COVID restrictions, Individuals who are entitled to free school meals will be offered a food parcel, which will need to be collected from school. Individual pupils who test positive and need to self-isolate will be offered a food parcel if they are entitled to free school meals.	
IT Access	The school has a limited number of laptops and IPADS for home loan. These will be allocated according to need with disadvantaged children taking priority.	

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