



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Guide for Families

September 2021

**When
should my
child self-
isolate or
miss
school?**





NO




- 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

- 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 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. They 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 be asked to 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. • Newcastle Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<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 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:
 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete this. • 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.
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>3 children or staff in a single class/ Club within 10 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Newcastle Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. • Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. • Reverting to assemblies in classrooms. • Reverting to bubbles. • Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. • Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing.
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<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"> • Meeting held between school and Newcastle Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>. This could include: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reverting to class-based lunches. • Limiting all non-essential visitors • Postponing all non-essential events. • Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid-19 guidance as appropriate.