




Birchwood Primary School  
Covid-19 Response 2021/22



<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill</li> <li>From 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should STAY AT HOME and should book a PCR test – not a Lateral Flow</li> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book a PCR test</li> <li>If your child is 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.</li> </ul>

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
<p>Low community Transmission. No school cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 days</li> <li>Cases of Covid locally are low/ or stable</li> <li>Hospitalisations/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminding pupils of good hand hygiene</li> <li>Ensure good ventilation</li> <li>Ensure children/ staff stay at home if symptomatic and book PCR test</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow tests until end of September</p>
<p>Rapidly rising community transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No current Covid cases have been reported at school, but...</li> <li>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools</li> <li>Warwickshire/ PHE issues warnings of local/ national wave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased and handwashing supervised</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced</li> <li>Staffroom capacity reduced</li> <li>Whole school assemblies move to Key Stage assemblies</li> <li>Clinically vulnerable staff meet with line managers to discuss any amendments or additions to risk assessments</li> </ul>

Number of cases	Description	Actions
A single case tests positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child tests positive for Covid in a class</li> <li>• There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group</li> <li>• No other year groups are affected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it</li> <li>• The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace to establish likely contacts</li> <li>• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to book PCR test. The school will contact parents to advise this if contacts are known.</li> <li>• Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have symptoms</li> </ul>
3 children (10%) within a class within 10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been 3 cases in a class within 10 days which could mean Covid is spreading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above for each positive case</li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with Warwickshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reintroducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas</li> <li>○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances</li> <li>○ Reverting to online assemblies</li> <li>○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across</li> <li>○ Resuming testing for staff if it has stopped</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further liaison between school and Warwickshire Public Health Team to agree further measures for a further 10 school days including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reintroducing class bubbles</li> <li>○ Reverting to staggered break, lunch, etc</li> <li>○ Postponing all non-essential events and visitors</li> <li>○ Reintroducing remote learning for affected classes to be considered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>