## **Ringway Primary School**

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?	NO .	All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <u>stay at</u> <u>home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> 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
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<ul> <li>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.</li> <li>Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.</li> <li>Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</li> <li>Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> <li>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</li> </ul>
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul> <li>No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but</li> <li>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>Northumberland Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; handwashing supervised.</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.</li> </ul>

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
A single child tests Positive	<ul> <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> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close 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 Covid Symptoms.</li> </ul>
5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.	• 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.	<ul> <li>As above for each positive case.</li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with Northumberland Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including:         <ul> <li>Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms.</li> <li>Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing (if after Sept and available)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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.	<ul> <li>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Northumberland Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:         <ul> <li>Re-introducing class bubbles.</li> <li>Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.</li> <li>Postponing all non-essential events.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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