




# Bolney C. of E. Primary School



## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan Summary – Sept. 2021




Following the DfE [Contingency Framework: Education and Childcare Settings](#)



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<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	<div>  <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li> <li>• 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.</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> </div> <div>  <p><b>YES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow Device test.</li> <li>• If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </div>
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Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding children of good 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> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• W.Sussex Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• 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> <li>• Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</li> </ul>

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
 <p><b>A single child tests positive</b></p>	<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 class or from close mixing.</li> <li>There is less than 10% of cases in the class or from close mixing.</li> <li>No other classes/groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-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 &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR test. The school will support with close contact identification as needed.</li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>5 children or staff who have mixed closely test positive within 10 days of each other.</b> <b>OR</b> <b>10% of children or staff who have mixed closely test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 5 cases of Covid or 10% of a class/group in the school within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading. E.G. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a class</li> <li>a friendship group mixing at break</li> <li>a sports team</li> <li>a group in an after-school activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with W. Sussex Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased and hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning.</li> <li>Reintroducing adult face masks for visitors and meetings.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to recorded assemblies in classrooms.</li> <li>Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.</li> <li>Continuing twice-weekly staff Lateral Flow Device testing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p><b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<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>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and W. Sussex Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reintroducing class bubbles.</li> <li>Reverting to class-based school lunches.</li> <li>Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.</li> <li>Postponing all non-essential events.</li> <li><b>Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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