




## St Agnes Catholic Primary School



COVID-19 contingency plan

Autumn Term 2021

<p>Should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<u>NO</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children must attend school unless they are ill and displaying COVID symptoms.</li> <li>From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a close contact of someone <b>outside of their household</b> has COVID-19.</li> <li>Instead, they will be asked to book a PCR test and should continue to attend school as long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative. Children can attend school whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test.</li> </ul>
	<u>YES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <b>somebody in the household has tested positive</b> for COVID-19, as per Barnet public health advice, they will be asked to have a PCR test and should remain at home (even if well) until they get the result.</li> <li>If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms at home, they must not attend school and you should book a PCR test for them (not a Lateral Flow test).</li> <li>If your child test positive on a LFT they should get a PCR test and remain at home whilst awaiting the result.</li> <li>If your child develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms whilst at school, they will be sent home and you should book a PCR test for them.</li> <li>If your child tests positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. The rest of their 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.</p> <p>No cases of COVID-19 in School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been no cases of COVID-19 within school for 10 days.</li> <li>Cases within the local area are low and /or stable</li> </ul>	<p>No COVID -19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining good hand and respiratory hygiene.</li> <li>Ensuring good ventilation in classrooms and communal areas.</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning schedule maintained including regular cleaning of high-touch areas.</li> <li>Ensuring children and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 stay at home and book a PCR test.</li> <li>All staff will be encouraged to carry out twice weekly Lateral Flow tests at home (to be reviewed nationally at the end of September).</li> </ul>



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Community COVID Risk	Description	Actions
<p>Rapidly rising number of cases in the local community / nationally</p> <p>No cases of COVID-19 in School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current cases within the school but:</li> <li>• Cases of COVID-19 are rising rapidly within the local area / nationally.</li> <li>• Barnet Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local / national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<p>As above with the possibility of introducing the following additional measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School leaders to review current risk assessments and cleaning schedule.</li> <li>• Temporary re-introduction of face coverings for staff in communal areas and visitors on site.</li> <li>• Parents/carers encouraged to wear face coverings when entering the school grounds.</li> <li>• Limiting the use of shared areas and resources, ensuring resources are cleaned frequently.</li> <li>• Meetings between parents and school staff held remotely where possible (via Teams or telephone call)</li> <li>• Planned events/ activities reviewed and risk assessed.</li> <li>• Staff room capacity reduced.</li> <li>• Review of break and lunchtime arrangements.</li> </ul>
<p>A single child / staff member tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19</li> <li>• There are fewer than 5 cases across the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child / staff member self-isolates for 10 days.</li> <li>• Remote learning will be provided if the child is well enough to complete it.</li> <li>• The staff member / parents of the child will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to establish close contacts.</li> <li>• Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to book a PCR test.</li> <li>• Staff identified as a close contact will be advised to take a PCR test.</li> <li>• Staff to take daily LFT for duration of the isolation period.</li> <li>• Consider face to face assemblies for reduced number of pupils and consider switching to remote delivery for larger gatherings.</li> <li>• Review all hirings and lettings of the school premises.</li> </ul>



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<b>Number of cases within the school</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p>5 children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10 day period.</p> <p>COVID-19 cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Based on Government guidance, it is considered to be a COVID-19 outbreak if 5 children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10 day period.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The children / staff members self-isolate for 10 days.</li><li>Remote learning will be provided if the child is well enough to complete it.</li><li>The staff members / parents of the child will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to establish close contacts.</li><li>Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to book a PCR test.</li><li>Staff identified as a close contact will be advised to take a PCR test.</li><li>Staff to take daily LFT for duration of the isolation period.</li><li>Consider implementation of a bubble system for the isolation to reduce spread of infection.</li><li>The head teacher will contact the local authority COVID-19 response team.</li><li>Following discussions with Barnet Public Health, the head teacher will implement the school's outbreak management plan which includes the measures outlined above for rapidly rising number of cases in the local community / nationally.</li></ul>