

Euxton Church of England Primary School

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan - September 2021

There are three key changes:

1. Mixing and 'bubbles'

Keeping pupils or students in year group or classroom bubbles to reduce mixing is no longer a requirement.

2. Tracing close contacts

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

3. Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

So, what will stay the same?

Coronavirus hasn't gone away so there will still be a need for schools, pupils and students to follow basic measures to avoid the spread of the virus:

1. Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools.
2. Ensuring good hygiene including frequent and thorough hand cleaning and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
3. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
4. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
5. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 and 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.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and you should book them 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 - but instead should book a PCR test.

Number of cases	Description	Actions
No cases in school	There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. Cases of Covid locally are stable.	No Covid measures are necessary beyond... 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). Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests.
A single child tests positive	A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. There are fewer than 5 cases in the class. No other year groups are affected.	The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. 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 and Trace and advised to book a PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. This could be the whole class. Children and staff do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.
5 children or staff within a single class test positive within a 10 day period	There have been 5 cases of Covid across a class within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.	As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Lancashire/Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u> , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas ○ Staff-room capacity reduced ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances - including having parents in school ○ Reverting to Key Stage/Phase worship ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across ○ Considering reintroducing zones for children to play in ○ Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection
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.	Seek advice from Lancashire/Public Health England. Agree further measures, including these possibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles and distancing. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for a specified amount of time. This will be a last resort.