









# Biddulph High School

## Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021

<p><b>When should a student self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	 <b>NO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students <b>MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b></li> <li>• From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, students 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>
	 <b>YES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <b>NOT</b> a Lateral Flow test.</li> <li>• If a student develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and the parent should book them a PCR test.</li> <li>• If a student 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 should book a PCR test.</li> </ul>

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 students of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>• Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring Students / Staff 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>
 <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>• Staffordshire 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 &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>• Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Year Group assemblies move online</li> <li>• Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with TCO 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 student tests Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single student 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 student self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li> <li>• The parents of the student 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>• <b>Students 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 students or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> <p><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <p><b>3 students or staff in a single Class within 10 days.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 students.</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 Staffordshire Local Outbreak Team and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas.</li> <li>○ Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>○ Reverting to Assemblies via Teams in classrooms.</li> <li>○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across where possible</li> <li>○ Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow 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 Local Outbreak Team to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Re-introducing bubbles.</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 bubbles 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.