

Burton Agnes CE Primary School



COVID 19 Outbreak Contingency Plan

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1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools operational guidance from step 4](#), provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:

- ▶ To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school
- ▶ If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- ▶ As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)

When a school feels it is appropriate to step-up their contingency plan, they might deem it appropriate to inform the school community through the usual communication channels such as newsletters or letters to parents. Please inform the East Riding public health team when contingency measures are stepped-up by either adding a note below the reporting grid (appendix 1) when it is returned or contacting cfsinfo@eastriding.gov.uk

2. Testing

If advised, we will recommend that pupils and staff who are deemed close contacts of a positive case take a PCR test if they are showing symptoms. Furthermore, whilst this is not government guidance any more, pupils and staff will be encouraged to take an asymptomatic test (LFD) for seven consecutive days after being in contact with someone who has tested positive. (if tests can be sourced) If the LFD result is negative, the pupil or staff can attend the school setting as usual. If the result is positive, they must isolate immediately. If the result of the PCR test is positive, they must isolate immediately and follow NHS Test and Trace's instructions.

From 24 February 2022, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. **However, both adults and children who test positive are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days. On the fifth and sixth day, if negative test results are returned, the individual can cease staying at home and return to normal activity (i.e., return to school). However, if they do not return negative test results on the 5th and 6th day, are strongly advised to continue to stay at home until they have returned 2 negative results. Regardless of test results, they can return to school on the 11th day.** There is no requirement for any close contacts outside of the household to be advised to stay at home.

3. Face Coverings

The use of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas is no longer required but we welcome the voluntary use of face coverings anywhere on site where this supports children and adults to feel safe and secure. Should cases rise rapidly staff may be asked to wear masks in public areas.

4. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home-working or learning.

5. Other Measures

If cases in a school rise rapidly, we will carefully consider

- ▶ Residential educational visits (postpone/cancel)
- ▶ Open days (postpone/cancel/move online)
- ▶ Transition or taster days (postpone/cancel/move online)
- ▶ Visitors coming into school (move to essential visitors only)
- ▶ Live performances (postpone/cancel)
- ▶ Large group events eg parties, discos, fairs etc. (postpone/cancel)

If cases rise rapidly within a class, we will reintroduce:

- ▶ Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- ▶ Face coverings for staff and visitors, unless exempt, in communal spaces and when moving around schools

6. Attendance Restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

6.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- ▶ Vulnerable pupils
- ▶ Children of critical workers
- ▶ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- ▶ Vulnerable pupils
- ▶ Children of critical workers

6.2 Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education.

We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school, as outlined in our remote learning plan found on the school website

<https://www.burtonagnesprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/resources-for-parents/remote-learning-plan-information-for-parents>

The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines via locally arranged vouchers.

6.3 Wraparound care

We will limit access to before and after-school activities and wraparound care during term time and the summer holidays to those that need it most.


We will communicate who will be eligible to attend once the restrictions are confirmed.



6.4 Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

On occasions where there is no DSL or deputy on site, a senior leader will take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.

Covid Community Risk	Description	Actions
 <p data-bbox="219 1246 611 1305">Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul data-bbox="705 1118 1368 1316" style="list-style-type: none">• There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days.• Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable.• Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low.	<p data-bbox="1406 1118 1957 1145">No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul data-bbox="1406 1157 2011 1385" style="list-style-type: none">• 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).

 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • East Riding / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Whole-school collective worship is replaced classes on a rota for hall use. • Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings)
 <p>A single child tests positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days or 5 days if they evidence two negative LFT on day 5 and day 6 , 24 hours apart and do not have a high temperature. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. Close contacts encouraged LFT daily for 7 days whilst tests are free and available. • 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.



5 children or staff within a class test positive within 10 days of each other.

- 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 East Riding Health / Public Health England and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - o Insist on the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
 - o Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - o Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 - o Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - o Reverting to class-based school lunches.

All close contacts to LFT for seven days



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.

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and East Riding Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - o Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - o Postponing all non-essential events.
 - o Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined on the school website.

