









USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan – September 2021



<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • From 16th 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. • Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC 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 PRC 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 PRC test.

Community COVID Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul 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>No COVID measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul 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>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <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. • Sunderland Public Health/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 assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 <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 year group. • No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete. • 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 & Trace and advised to book at PRC Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have COVID Symptoms.
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>3 children or staff in a single class/club (or Resource Base) within 10 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Sunderland Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms. ○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. ○ Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
 <p>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Sunderland Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.

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