

Barr Beacon School



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Covid update – September 2021

The following adheres to the latest government's contingency framework guidance, available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf

Will my child need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone testing positive?

Pupils and Sixth Form students no longer need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a close contact has tested positive. **Instead, they should book a PCR test but can continue coming to school as long as they have no symptoms and the PCR test result is negative.**

If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test. If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home after we have contacted you 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.

*The government guidance says: "18- year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated."

September return:

"Students in secondary schools and colleges should be tested twice on site at an Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) on return in the autumn term."

THEN:

"All pupils should test themselves using Lateral Flow Devices [which schools will provide] **twice a week at home** until the end of September, when this will be reviewed."

Covid Outbreak Contingencies

From September 2021

Community Covid Risk	Description	Possible 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 measures are necessary beyond those we are taking routinely and which are well-established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hand-hygiene and supervising hand washing/hand sanitising. • Regular cleaning of school site, especially contact points (door handles, etc). • Ensuring good ventilation. • Ensuring children stay at home (and book a PCR test) if they have Covid Symptoms.
 <p>Rapidly rising cases in the community</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. • Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large indoor gatherings in school (e.g. assemblies) minimised. • Further ventilation in school, wherever practical.
 <p>A few pupils or students test positive</p>	<p>There are a few isolated cases. Most of these people will not be close contacts. E.g. they are in different forms, classes, friendship groups, sports teams, extracurricular clubs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individuals self-isolate for 10 days. Remote learning (live lessons) will be provided, which they can complete if they are well enough: https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/keep-up-with-your-learning-even-if-you-have-to-stay-at-home/ • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.



Several members of the school community who have mixed closely test positive

From the government guidance (link above): “5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

OR

10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.”

- Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book a PCR Test.

- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the potential outbreak with Public Health and, following their advice, take *extra actions* for a set period.

If *extra actions* are required, we will communicate these with parents/carers as quickly as possible. Extra actions only apply after the first two on-site tests have been completed.

- The actions may include some or all of:
 - Adapting, limiting or postponing any large gatherings: assemblies, indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Re-introducing face masks for corridors, communal areas and classrooms.
 - Reinstating twice weekly Lateral Flow testing on site



Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.

Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period, suggesting that Covid is spreading throughout the school.

- Meeting held with Public Health to agree extra actions. These may include some or all of:
 - Re-introducing bubbles.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - Reverting to remote learning for larger numbers of pupils and students.