



Whitehouse Primary School

Covid Guidance for Parents - September 2021

School Daily Operations	<p>From 20th September, the school will return to normal operations as much as possible but we will keep this under constant review. We will continue with good hygiene routines and good ventilation in classrooms.</p> <p>We ask that parents continue to monitor their child for Covid-19 symptoms and inform the school office if they are unwell. The school office may advise the parents to keep the child at home and book a PCR test. A <u>Negative</u> PCR test means the child can return to school immediately. A Positive PCR means parents must follow the advice from NHS Test and Trace.</p> <p>Staff will continue to do a Lateral Flow Test twice a week until the end of September when it will be reviewed.</p> <p>School is following the current guidance at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance</p>
Covid-19 Reporting process	<p><i>The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature • a new, continuous cough • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste <p>If you are concerned about your child's health phone 111 or speak to your GP surgery. Further information can be found at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</p> <p>If a member of your household has a Positive PCR test for Covid-19 and they have been told to isolate then you must follow the most up-to-date guidance which can be found at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</p> <p>The guidance states that anyone one under 18 years and 6 months, does not have to self-isolate if a member of the household has Covid.</p> <p>School will continue to monitor any reported Positive PCR tests of children and staff. However, there will not be any closing of full classes unless there is an outbreak. The NHS Test and Trace service will contact anyone deemed as a close contact.</p> <p>We would advise parents to keep their children at home whilst awaiting the results of a PCR test.</p>
Outbreak management	<p><u>National guidance recommends that for most settings it will make sense to think about taking extra action if the number of positive cases substantially increases. Such as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>Should this happen school will consider:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes • ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort • one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment <p>School will continue to seek advice from Stockton on Tees Public Health team and follow their advice.</p>
Confidentiality	<p>As we have previously stated, the school will not confirm the identity of any pupils or staff who have a positive PCR test as this information is confidential to that individual.</p> <p>Any disclosure of this information on social media does not help the school or Public Health manage any outbreaks. This sort of information sharing can cause unnecessary upset and worry. Any information provided by parents needs to be confirmed by school as misinformation can also cause unnecessary upset and worry.</p>
General Well-Being	<p>Most children are generally well but do sometimes suffer with normal coughs, colds and winter illness. School will continue to monitor the well-being of pupils and staff and seek advice from Public Health where necessary.</p>