



Blackwell Primary School COVID-19 Risk assessment (September 2022)

Blackwell Primary School's revised risk assessment regarding COVID-19 is based on the Government's guidance, updated 23 February 2022

Government Guidance: COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19, updated 6th May 2022 [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)

"Safer behaviours"

Throughout the pandemic, Government advice and information has been informed by the best scientific evidence available from health agencies, academics, and experts.

People will continue to be advised that there are safer behaviours they can adopt to reduce the risk of infection. Precautions remain particularly important to those who are at higher risk if they catch COVID-19, although due to advances in vaccination and therapeutics, this group is now better protected. The majority of people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable are now advised to follow the same general guidance as everyone else as a result of the protection they have received from vaccination.

Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- a. Getting vaccinated;*
- b. Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside;*
- c. Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;*
- d. Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;*
- e. Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive; and*
- f. Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'."*



THEME	CONTROL MEASURES	ACTION REQUIRED/DECISION MADE
Reduce the risk of catching and passing on Covid-19	Continue to promote good ventilation	Keep spaces well-ventilated e.g. open windows in classrooms and around school
Face coverings	‘Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high’	Staff and visitors are welcome to wear a face covering but this is not enforced; Advise visitors that they may wish to wear a face covering, <i>‘especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet’</i> e.g. other professionals, parents and carers Staff will be informed when rates of transmission in the school are high (If cases of COVID-19 rise in the school, we will continue to take advice from the DfE and act on their guidance accordingly.)
COVID-19 symptoms, even if they're mild	Follow the NHS advice: Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children - NHS (www.nhs.uk)	<i>‘child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:</i> <i>• have a high temperature</i> <i>• do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities</i> <i>They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.</i>



	Advice for adults from NHS: Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in adults - NHS (www.nhs.uk)	<i>If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.</i> <i>Encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands after using or throwing away tissues.</i> <i>Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.</i> If an adult has symptoms: <i>stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and either:</i> • <i>you have a high temperature</i> • <i>you do not feel well enough to go to work or do your normal activities</i> <i>Take extra care to avoid close contact with anyone who is at higher risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19.</i> <i>You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.</i> Who needs to do a COVID-19 test <i>Free testing for COVID-19 from the NHS has ended for most people in England.</i>
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Washing hands	Continue, "Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'."	Continue the handwashing schedule of staff and children throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer available throughout the school e.g. school entrance, into classrooms etc. Continue, disposable tissues in each classroom to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

STAFF WELLBEING

We all have an individual personal response to COVID-19. **The government guidance is changing but our personal concerns may not.** Please remember that you are always welcome to come and share your concerns or ideas with a member of the leadership team at any time.