

## **COVID-19 amendment to Ponteland High School Attendance Policy April 2022**

### Introduction

This amendment has been designed to support the school and parent body as we undertake the implementation of further COVID-19 related changes to the normal operations within school

### **Not attending in circumstances relating to COVID-19**

In line with our transition to living with COVID-19, we no longer advise schools to record pupils who do not attend for reasons related to COVID-19 using Code X.

Pupils with symptoms of COVID-19 are no longer advised to get a test, and most of the scenarios that this category was brought in to record no longer apply.

### **Pupils who have symptoms or a positive test for COVID-19**

Pupils who have symptoms of COVID-19 should follow the latest government guidance about when they should stay at home.

Where a pupil is not attending because they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive test, schools should record this using Code I (illness) unless another more appropriate code applies.