

Head Teacher Update

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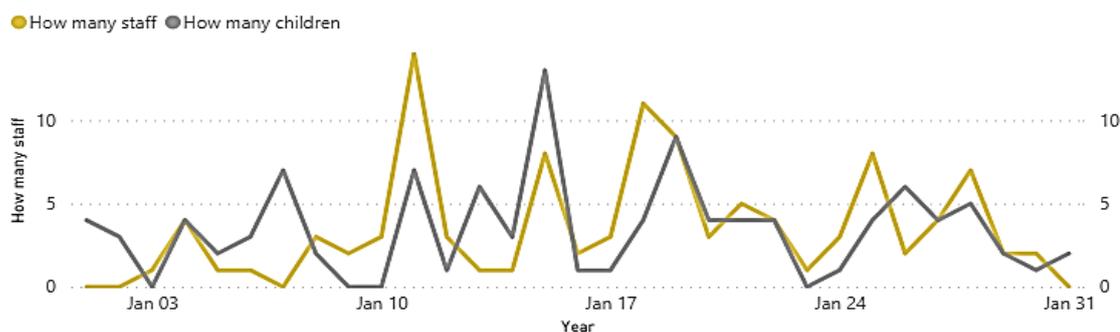
Update on COVID-19 Infections in Schools & School Attendance



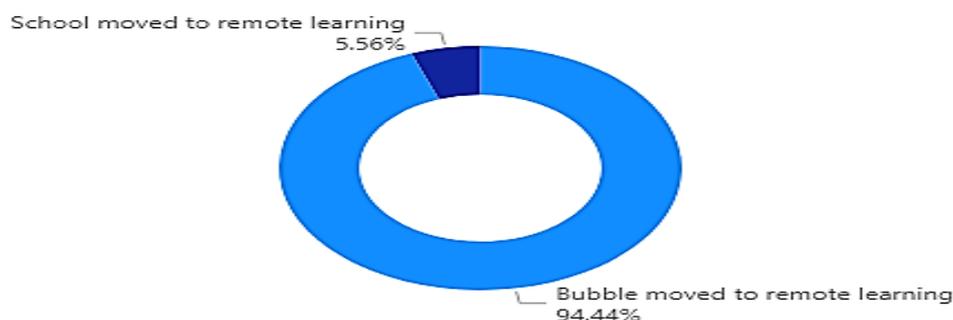
Report of Richard Crane, Head of Education and Skills: Children and Young Peoples Services (CYPS)

Covid notifications (data to 10am on 28 January 2021)

- 1 To date, there are 9 schools (8 primary schools and 1 secondary school) who have reported current groups self-isolating due to COVID-19.
- 2 Between 20 January and 28 January 2021, there were 32 children / young people / pupils and 37 staff in the County Durham area reported as testing positive for COVID-19. The confirmed cases have resulted in 289 pupils in isolation and 75 staff in isolation across the stated period.
- 3 The positive cases amongst staff and children cases mapped across the month of January 2021 are shown in the chart below:



- 4 The school / setting actions resulting from the positive tests are shown below:



Attendance data (28 January 2021)

- 5 Durham's settings **return response** rate was 73%, 4% lower than the previous week locally and below the national rate of 82%.
- 6 Locally and nationally 99% of responding settings said their setting was **open to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers**.
- 7 Locally 15.2% of **pupils were on site** at all responding **open** settings (similar to the previous week) compared to 14.8% nationally.
- 8 Locally 14.8% **of pupils were on site** amongst **state-funded open** schools (similar to the previous week) compared to 14.9% nationally.

Pupils on site

- 9 On average 24.8% of primary school pupils (an increase of 1.4% when compared to the previous week), 3.8% of secondary pupils (similar to previous week), 27.3% of special school pupils (an increase of 3%) and 13.2% of PRU / AP pupils (a decrease of 3%, mainly due to low Thursday attendance) were on site across Monday-Thursday last week.

On-site rates by phase

	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan
Primary	24.5%	24.5%	25.3%	24.7%
Secondary	3.9%	3.7%	4.0%	3.4%
Special	27.7%	27.9%	29.8%	23.9%
PRU / AP	12.2%	14.2%	16.7%	9.8%

Vulnerable Groups

- 10 For pupils with a **social worker**, locally there were 42% of pupils on site at all local schools last week (an increase) compared with 43% nationally. Amongst state funded schools only these rates were 38.1% locally and 40.3% nationally.
- 11 For pupils with an **EHCP**, locally there were 28% of pupils on site (a 1% increase) at all local schools last week compared with 37% nationally (bearing in mind lower local response rate to settings return than nationally). Amongst state funded schools only these rates were 26% locally and 36% nationally.

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