

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid-19.
- Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.



YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test), **NOT** a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school (however mild), they will be sent home 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 should book a PCR test.**

Community Covid Risk

Description

Actions



Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.

- 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.

- No Covid measures are necessary beyond:
- Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.
 - Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.
 - Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test).

Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.



Rapidly Rising Community Transmission

- 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.
- SW Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing/sanitizing routine increased.
- Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.
- Staff-room capacity is reduced, via timetabling.
- Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies.
- Clinically Vulnerable and Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with SBMs to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g., use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:**Description:****Actions:****A single child tests Positive**

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.

- The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in the remote learning plan.
- The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish close contacts.
- Identified contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise if close contacts are known.
- **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.**

**5 children or staff (who have mixed closely) test positive within 10 days of each other.****OR****3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (Or Resource Base) within 10 days.**

- There have been 5 cases of Covid (across a year group or groups that mix closely) within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within identified groups of children.

- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Wiltshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
 - Staggered starts for affected class/groups.
 - Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days, and performances.
 - Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms.
 - Reducing the number of classes staff work across.
 - Reviewing lunchtime/playtimes to limit groups mixing (if cases are in one specific class)

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

- Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10-day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school.

- Meeting to be held between the school and Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles.
 - Reintroduction of bubble toilets
 - Reintroduction of bubble staff rest-rooms
 - Reverting to class-based/single bubble in hall school lunches.
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - **Re-introduction of remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days will be considered.**

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.