

Twineham CofE School



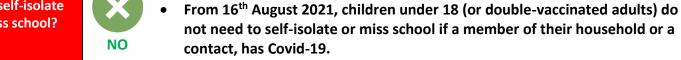
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Covid-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan: September 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



All children should attend school unless they are ill.



Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.





- If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow Device test.
- If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, 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 instead 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.
- Handwashing at start of day, lunch time and end of day
- Staggered timings for drop-off, pick-up and morning break on playground
- Key Stage assemblies rather than whole school, unless outside
- Key Stage eating areas remain separate but children share outside space to play at lunch time
- Ensuring good ventilation 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.
- **West Sussex Public** Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.

- Ventilation of classrooms increased
- Staff room capacity reduced
- Headteacher communication with parents of clinically vulnerable children
- Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups)
- Consider use of face-coverings for staff and parents.

Number of Cases Description Actions



A single child tests positive

- A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.
- There are fewer than 5 cases in the class or from close mixing.
- There is less than 10% of cases in the class or from close mixing.
- No other classes/groups are affected.

- The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.
- The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace to establish likely contacts.
- Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace and advised to book at PCR test. The school will support with close contact identification as needed.
- <u>Families will be informed that there is a case in the school</u> community.
- 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
10% of children or
staff who have
mixed closely test
positive within 10
days of each other.

There have been 5
 cases of Covid or 10%
 of a class/group in the
 school within 10 days
 which could mean that
 Covid is spreading.
 E.G.

- a class
- a friendship group mixing at break
- a sports team
- a group in an afterschool activity

- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with W. Sussex Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10</u> <u>school days</u>, including:
 - Ventilation of classrooms increased.
 - Enhanced cleaning
 - Reintroducing adult face masks for visitors and meetings
 - Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
 - Reverting to recorded assemblies in classrooms
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across
 - Continuing twice-weekly staff Lateral Flow Device testing.



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-19 is spreading widely throughout the school.
- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and W. Sussex Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including:
 - Reintroducing class bubbles
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school
 - Postponing all non-essential events
 - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.

This guidance will be regularly reviewed. Please contact head@twineham.w-sussex.sch.uk with any questions.