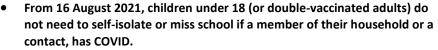


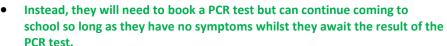
## **Latest Advice – September 2021**

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?













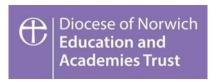
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- If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- 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 instead should book a PCR test.

Please contact the school as soon as possible, if your child is going to take a PCR test. It is essential that you speak to the school, before your child returns to the school setting.

# **COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan**

Community COVID Risk	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<ul> <li>There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days.</li> <li>Cases of COVID locally are low and/ or stable. Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to COVID nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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).</li> <li>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests.</li> </ul>
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul> <li>No current COVID cases have been recorded at school, but</li> <li>Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>Suffolk Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; handwashing supervised.</li> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>Key Stage assemblies no longer commence.</li> <li>Clinically vulnerable staff and pupils individual risk assessments are reviewed. Additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).</li> </ul>



### **Number of Cases**

#### Description

#### Actions



Isolated cases in school

There are fewer than 5 cases in the Key Stage.

- 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 Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.
- Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS
   Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR
   Test. The school will contact parents to
   advise this if close contacts are known.
- Children do not need to miss school or selfisolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID Symptoms.



5 children or staff within a Key Stage group test positive within 10 days of each other.

OR
3 children or staff in a single Class

There have been 5 cases of COVID across a Key Stage within 10 days. This could mean that COVID is spreading within that group of children.

- As above for each positive case.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Suffolk Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10</u> school days, including:
  - Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.
  - 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.



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.

- Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Suffolk Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a</u> <u>further 10 school days</u>, including:
  - o Re-introducing class bubbles.
  - Reverting to class-based school lunches.
  - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
  - Postponing all non-essential events.
  - Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.