









Latest Advice – September 2021

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	<div>  <p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16 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. Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms whilst they await the result of the PCR test. </div> <div>  <p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, NOT 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. </div>
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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
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Suffolk Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of classrooms increased & handwashing supervised. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Staff-room capacity is reduced. Key Stage assemblies no longer commence. Clinically vulnerable staff and pupils individual risk assessments are reviewed. Additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
 <p>Isolated cases in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are fewer than 5 cases in the Key Stage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID Symptoms.
 <p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Suffolk Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Suffolk Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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