



# Dronfield Junior School

## Covid-19 Contingency Plan September 2021

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?





NO




- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> 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 and the test result is negative.



YES

- If your child develops Covid 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 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.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission.</b> <b>No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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.</li> <li>• Hospitalisation / deaths due to Covid nationally are low.</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding children of good hand-hygiene.</li> <li>• Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring children / staff to stay at home if they have Covid symptoms (and to book a PCR test).</li> <li>• Extra cleaning continues across the school during the school day.</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Device tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• DCC Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local / national infection wave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation of classrooms increased &amp; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Limiting the number of visitors entering school premises.</li> <li>• Staff room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole school assemblies take place on Zoom within classrooms.</li> <li>• Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Team Leader / Headteacher to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes / groups).</li> </ul>

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 <p><b>A single child tests Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.</li> <li>No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. Please refer to our Remote Learning Procedures available on our website.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.</li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>3 children or staff in a single Class test positive within 10 days.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</li> <li>There have been 3 cases of Covid within 10 days in a single class, which could mean that Covid could be spreading within that class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with DCC Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reducing the amount of classes staff work across, where possible.</li> <li>Resuming twice-weekly staff Lateral Flow Device testing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p><b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and DCC Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing class bubbles.</li> <li>Reverting to class-based school lunches.</li> <li>Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.</li> <li>Postponing all non-essential events.</li> <li><b>Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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

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