




**Rackham (CE) Primary School** - COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan- September 2021

**Should my child self-isolate or miss school?**


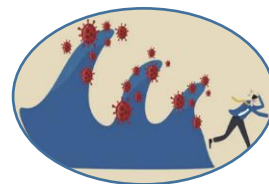


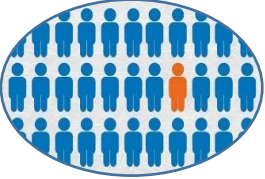




- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a contact has COVID.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school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



- If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should stay at home 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.**

Community Risk	Description	Action
<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>• Hospitalisations/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 where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring children/staff 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> <li>• Two staggered starts to avoid crowding at school gate.</li> <li>• PE kits on PE days.</li> <li>• Phase or zoom assemblies.</li> <li>• Separate staff rooms (we will review this weekly)</li> </ul>
<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>• Cambridgeshire 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; handwashing supervised.</li> <li>• Reduction in staff room capacity is ensured.</li> <li>• Extremely clinically vulnerable staff meet with line managers to review their Individual Risk assessment and discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/groups).</li> </ul>

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
<p data-bbox="174 217 497 245">A single child tests positive</p> 	<ul data-bbox="586 264 1016 424" 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 data-bbox="1061 217 2092 472" 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 as outlined <a href="#">here</a>.</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 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 data-bbox="129 520 542 609">5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other.</p> <p data-bbox="322 619 349 641">OR</p> <p data-bbox="129 651 542 708">2 children or staff in a single Class/Club within 10 days.</p> 	<ul data-bbox="586 632 1016 791" 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> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1061 616 2092 807" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>• The school will discuss the outbreak with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health and agree strengthening protective measure for 10 school days. Including: <ul data-bbox="1151 711 2033 807" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Re-introducing mandatory staff face masks for corridor and communal areas.</li> <li>○ Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events and trips.</li> <li>○ Reducing the number of classes staff work across.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p data-bbox="116 963 555 1021">COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</p> 	<ul data-bbox="586 973 1016 1197" 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 data-bbox="1061 941 2051 1228" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident management Team meeting held between the school and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including: <ul data-bbox="1151 1037 1980 1228" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Re-introducing class bubbles.</li> <li>○ Reverting to bubble-based lunches.</li> <li>○ Increased number of staggered drop off and pick up arrangements</li> <li>○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.</li> <li>○ Postponing all non-essential events.</li> <li>○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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