



**SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School Covid-19 Outbreak
Contingency Plan – January 2022**



When should my child self-isolate and miss school?	
 Yes	 No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child has Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste/smell) • Your child has been contacted by NHS Track and Trace and been told to self-isolate • Your child has received a positive Covid-19 PCR test • Your child had received a positive Covid-19 lateral flow test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The rest of the household does not need to isolate because of a positive test, but should take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless ill, all children must attend school • If a member of their household has tested positive for Covid-19 either via a PCR or lateral flow test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Although not required to self-isolate we would strongly recommend that the child takes a daily lateral flow test for 7 days • We confirm that your child is a close contact of a positive case here at school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Again although your child does not need to isolate- we would suggest keeping a close eye out for Covid symptoms and take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days • Your child is unwell. If your child is unwell with non Covid like symptoms, then they do not need to self-isolate. We would recommend that the stay at home until they are well enough to return to school • A member of the household has been told to self-isolate by NHS track and Trace

Current Test Guidance

- Anyone in your household (including children) **should book a PCR test if they have Covid 19 symptoms**
- If you or your child is a close contact of a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 and have no symptoms, they do not need to take a PCR test. The advice is to **take a lateral flow test daily for seven days**
- Upon receiving a positive Covid-19 test result, **the isolation period remains 10 days**. However, from **day 6 of the isolation period you may take a lateral flow test**. If you receive a negative result over two consecutive days from day 6 of your isolation period, your self-isolation ends on day 7. Please note that there should be a 24-hour period between these tests

Example scenarios




<u>Scenario 1</u>	
Your child has a high temperature.	They should self-isolate, book a PCR test and await the results. This is because they have a symptom of Covid-19. If the result is positive, they should self-isolate for 10 days from when symptoms first developed. On day 6 of the isolation period, they should begin to take lateral flow tests. When they have two days with negative results your child's isolation period ends.

Scenario 2

Your child is a 'close contact' of a confirmed Covid-19 case. For example a child who they sit by or a family member in the household whom they have had close contact with has tested positive

Your child (if they have no symptoms) does not need to self-isolate. They should however take daily lateral flow tests for seven days. If they test positive at any point here, the 10-day isolation period starts. On day 6 they should begin lateral flow tests again. Once they have two consecutive days when their test is negative, they can then end the isolation period

If your child has symptoms, then they should self-isolate, take a PCR test and await the results

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. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 book a PCR test). • Mixing of Bubble and whole school assembly <p>Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using Lateral flow tests as in line with government guidance.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staff-room capacity is reduced. • Staff social distancing and use of PPE as appropriate • Whole school mixing is replaced with the reintroduction of Bubbles, Whole school assemblies are replaced with virtual assemblies • Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).
 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. • No other classes or year groups are affected. 	<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. On day 6 and 7 of self-isolation period rapid flow tests can be taken. If two negative tests are recorded from day 6 onwards then self-isolation can end . • 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 complete daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. The school will contact parents to advise of close contacts after the confirmed PCR result (this would not be a whole class but perhaps those on the same table as the child). This is due to the fact that school cannot pass on details of other children due to due to GDPR

- **Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate while taking daily lateral flow tests unless they receive a positive result**



5 children or staff within a class test positive within 10 days of each other.

- There have been 5 or more cases of Covid across a class within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.
- **As above for each positive case.**
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Any class with 5 or more cases will revert back to becoming a class bubble
 - Increase hand washing routines
 - Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms.
 - Have separate areas for break-time and lunch (away from rest of school)
 - Eat separate area away from the rest of the school
 - Wipe down desks more frequently
 - Have some lessons outside if the weather allows
 - Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.
 - Staff social distancing and use of PPE as appropriate. Children encouraged to wear masks too
 - Daily staff Lateral flow testing.
 - Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.
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 - Enhanced cleaning of toilets during school day



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- 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.
- The school will discuss the outbreak with Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including:
 - Re-introducing class bubbles
 - Reverting to strict measures re bubbles
 - Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.
 - Postponing all non-essential events.
 - After school/Extra-curricular clubs postponed
 - Consideration given and guidance taken as to whether to re-introduce remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days

The school will inform parents of any changes to these Covid measures should these be needed. Please bear with us as we work with another 'new normal'.