

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 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 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	Action
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. 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 encouraged where practical.</li> <li>• Ensuring children/staff to stay at home if they have COVID symptoms (and to book a PCR test)</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow 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>• Peterborough/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; hand-washing supervised.</li> <li>• Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced.</li> <li>• Staff room capacity is reduced.</li> <li>• Whole school assemblies are replaced with 'online' assemblies.</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>A single child tests positive</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.</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>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.</li> </ul>
 <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 3 children or staff in a single Class/Club within 10 days.</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above for each positive case.</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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing staff face masks for corridor and communal areas.</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms.</li> <li>Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.</li> <li>Continuing twice weekly staff lateral flow testing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing class bubbles.</li> <li>Reverting to class-based lunches.</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.