



## COVID Plan January 2022



<p><b>When should a pupil or member of staff self-isolate?</b></p>	<p><b>All children must attend school unless they are ill.</b>  <b>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 close contact, has COVID. Instead, they will need to take lateral flow tests daily for 7 days but they can continue to attend school as long as they have no symptoms, and lateral flow test results are negative.</b></p>
	<p><b>If a child or member of staff develops COVID symptoms at home, they should stay at home and book a PCR test (not a lateral flow test).</b>  <b>If a child or member of staff develops COVID symptoms while at school, they will be sent home and should book a PCR test. The person with symptoms must self-isolate while waiting for test results.</b>  <b>If a member of staff or child tests positive on a lateral flow test they should self-isolate.</b>  <b>If the test result is negative, the child or member of staff can return to school.</b>  <b>If the test result is positive, the school must be informed and that person must self-isolate for 10 days. Under the latest guidance, that person can take a lateral flow test from 6 days after the day the symptoms started and another lateral flow test on the following day (the second test should be taken at least 24 hours later). If both of these test results are negative, and the person does not have a high temperature, that person may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18, or fully vaccinated, but should take lateral flow tests daily for 7 days and can continue to attend school as long as they have no symptoms, and lateral flow test results are negative.</b></p>

Community COVID risk	Description	Actions
<p><b>Low community transmission. No, or very few, COVID cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no, or very few) 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 additional COVID measures are necessary beyond those identified in the general COVID risk assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good hand hygiene</li> <li>• Good ventilation where practical</li> <li>• Ensuring children and staff stay at home if they have COVID symptoms and book PCR test.</li> </ul> <p>Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly using lateral flow tests.</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> </ul>	<p>Ventilation of classrooms increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased focus on hand hygiene.</li> <li>• Reduce staff room capacity.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools.</li> <li>• Oxfordshire Public Health issue warnings regarding increase in local, or national, cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider adaptations to assemblies to reduce number of classes mixing.</li> </ul>
<p>A single child tests positive.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single child tests positive for COVID.</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>• Child self-isolates, following above guidance regarding number of days. Remote learning provided if child is well enough to complete at home.</li> <li>• Parents of child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>• Contacts identified are contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to take a lateral flow test for 7 days.</li> <li>• Any close contacts identified, without symptoms, do not need to miss school or self-isolate while lateral flow test results remain negative.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other</b> OR <b>10% of children or staff who are likely to have mixed closely (club, wrap-around care) test positive within 10 days of each other.</b></p> 	<p>The threshold identified in the DfE Contingency Framework has been reached.</p>	<p>As above for each positive case, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the outbreak with Oxfordshire Public Health (or make decisions within school if possible) and agree to strengthen protective measures for 10 school days, including:</li> <li>• Emphasising with staff, and visitors, need to wear face masks in corridors and communal areas and if meeting in an enclosed space.</li> <li>• Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.</li> <li>• Reducing staff room capacity.</li> <li>• Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms, or outside.</li> <li>• Reducing the amount of classes staff work across, where possible.</li> <li>• Reminding staff to take twice-weekly lateral flow tests.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<p>Despite the measures indicated above, COVID cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected.</p>	<p>As above for each positive case, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Oxfordshire Public Health to agree further measures for 10 school days.</li> <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> </ul>



- Consider remote learning for individual classes, particularly if staffing cannot be maintained safely

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