Priory Junior School

COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan- updated January 2022

Should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO

- All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th 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 have a LFT test for the next 7 days, and can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative that day.





YES

- If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> 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
Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	 There have been no cases of COVID within school for 10 school days. Cases of COVID locally are low and/or stable. Hospitalisations/Deaths due to COVID nationally are low. 	 NO COVID measures are necessary beyond: 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 to book a PCR test) Staff to continue to test themselves using Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly.
Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	 No current COVID cases have been recorded at school, but Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. Cambridgeshire Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. 	 Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. Staff room capacity is reduced / log of visits to staffroom maintained. Whole school assemblies are replaced with 'online' assemblies. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Staff reminded of procedures to be followed. Any staff with medical concerns who were previously identified as CEV/ CV to discuss with HT.
A single child tests positive	 A single child tests positive for COVID in a class. There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. No other year groups are affected. 	 The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it – provided through SeeSaw. 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 book PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. Any children identified by school as contacts to complete LFTs for 7 days, unless advised differently by NHS Track & Trace. 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.

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
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.	There have been 3 cases in a class or 5 cases of COVID across a year group 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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health and agree strengthening protective measure for 5 school days. Including: Re-introducing staff face masks for corridor and communal areas. Staggering start and end times for classes affected. Providing each class affected with own play zone. Classes affected to eat in classroom. Classes affected to have own toilets to use. Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. Staff who work across classes to maintain 2m distance during work in classes affected. Classrooms affected to be fogged. Where staff affected, and no cover available, class may have remote learning provided and have to work at home. In this instance, vulnerable children would be identified and contact maintained with school each day. Children who are contacts to complete LFTs for 7 days. Staff to complete daily LFTs.
COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period within school.	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.	 Incident management Team meeting held between the school and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 5 school days, including: Re-introducing class bubbles. Reverting to class-based lunches. Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. Postponing all non-essential events. Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 5 school days. Laptops issued to disadvantaged children to enable access.
Government advises changes to education because of national or local picture.	NHS at risk of being overwhelmed and so decision taken to put in place wider measures.	Government announces changes to school provision. School will follow DfE guidance, expected to include: Provision in school for critical workers children and vulnerable children — list maintained in school. To be provided as bubble structure in row above. Remote education provided to all children at home — through SeeSaw and Teams — log-in information reissued to all parents. Laptops provided where needed to enable access for disadvantaged children.