

January 2022 Please be careful as we have clinically vulnerable people and pupils around us.

If your child has any symptoms please ensure they have a lateral flow/PCR

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Persistent cough
- High Temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

Many people/children can asymptomatic and show no symptoms at all therefore should they be identified as a close contact please abide by government guidance and undertake Lateral flows for 7 days following close contact, this will help prevent the spread of the virus.

The symptoms below can also be Covid

- Headache
- Runny nose
- Light cold
- Sneezing
- $\circ \quad \text{Sore throat} \quad$
- o Sickness/Diarrhoea
- If you have any doubt please do a PCR.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take COVID-19 tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school if they have a high temperature/symptoms until it returns to normal and they feel better.

Self-isolation

Arrangements on self-isolation have changed. All over 18s who are fully vaccinated (having received two full doses of an approved vaccine) and children aged 5 to 17 are now asked to take lateral flow tests (LFTs) every day for 7 days if they are identified as a contact of a positive COVID-19 case. This is known as 'Daily Contact Testing'. Please note that contacts of a positive case are unlikely to equate to an entire class/group We ask politely that those undertaking Daily Contact Testing take their test before they arrive at school each day. These individuals do not need to self-isolate for that day unless they have a positive lateral flow test or develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms, they should book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Unvaccinated adults identified as a contact of a positive COVID-19 case must isolate for 10 days.

