



September 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Covid Self-Isolation – September 2021**

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 must have a PCR and should self-isolate whilst waiting for the result. Any individuals who test positive for Covid-19 will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

If a child displays symptoms in school, you will be asked to come and collect them as soon as possible and arrange for them to have a PCR test.

As of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, the National rules on self-isolation for close contacts of confirmed cases changed. This now means that Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated (this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS)
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, individuals will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so by Test and Trace.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

If your child tests positive for Covid, you must let us know. In this instance, we will let parents know that there is a positive case within the class, and that anyone contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact should take a PCR test but that the children should otherwise attend school as normal, even whilst waiting for test results if they do not have symptoms.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 and they are generally well, then the school will provide remote learning for them to complete at home. This will be emailed to you by class teachers who will liaise with you as to when work should be returned to school.

If another member of your household tests positive for Covid, all steps should be taken to ensure that the children are still able to attend school. I appreciate that this may be tricky for some families, so please talk to us if you find yourself in a difficult position.

Further details about self-isolation can be found on the **NHS** website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Further information about Covid-19 can be found on the school website:

<https://godinton.kent.sch.uk/covid-19-information-for-parents/>

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