

1st September 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Covid – 19 information update

Schools have received updated guidance from the Department for Education so we are able to share our measures with you ready for the beginning of term on the 8th September 2021.
8.9.21

Please note: The current guidance may be subject to review and we have put in place a contingency plan should there be a significant rise in the local or national infection rates. This may mean that we will need to reintroduce measures based on Trust, Public Health and Norfolk Outbreak team guidance. This may mean that if there was a very significant increase in cases and risk, there is still the potential that we would be directed to return to online learning. We wanted to make that really clear to help manage expectations. This would be a last resort but in terms of the 'dark art' of risk management it is a possible outcome.

Whilst we are eager to move forward with this 'new normal', we will, no doubt, be facing a changing picture across this school year and we will keep close communication with you regarding the situation.

Good attendance is vitally important. All children are expected to attend school unless they are isolating because they have tested positive for covid 19 or have symptoms and are awaiting the results of a PCR test.

The **bubble system** is no longer in place, although year groups will be kept separate.

If a child or an adult in a year group tests positive, we will no longer need to close the whole bubble.

In this instance, we will work with parents and NHS track and trace to identify close contacts and these children will be asked to take a PCR test.

Children without symptoms do not need to isolate whilst they wait for the result of their PCR test.

Isolation

People who have had two vaccinations and children under 18 do not need to isolate if a member of their household or a close contact tests positive UNLESS they have symptoms themselves.

If your child has symptoms of Covid 19, they should isolate, take a PCR test and isolate until the results are known. Please let the school office know straight away if this is the case.

If your child tests positive for Covid 19, NHS track and trace will contact you to establish any close contacts.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid 19 at school, they will be isolated and you will be called to collect them straight away.

When should my child self-isolate?	
<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Come to school</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold;">ALL CHILDREN MUST ATTEND SCHOOL UNLESS THEY ARE ILL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 18 and double vaccinated adults do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a close contact tests positive for Covid 19. • Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school whilst waiting for the results as long as they have no symptoms and the test result comes back negative.
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Stay at home and isolate</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops symptoms of Covid at home, they should stay at home and take a PCR test. (NOT a lateral flow test) • If your child develops symptoms of Covid at school, they will be sent home and should take a PCR test. Because they have symptoms, they should isolate until the results are known. • If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household do not need to isolate if they are under 18 or are double vaccinated.

Symptoms: High temperature, new and continuous cough, loss of taste or smell.

If your child is isolating and is well enough to complete school work, work will be set by the class teacher via Seesaw.

If your child receives a free school meal and has to isolate then the school will provide a free school meal and the office will be in contact with you.

Face masks will no longer be compulsory for parents when they enter the school site, however, some parents may still choose to wear them. Please remember to keep a respectful distance from others even though the 2 metre rule no longer applies. Staff are not required to wear a mask in school but may choose to.

Hand hygiene remains vital to stop the spread of infection and children will still be hand washing or sanitising across the day.

Respiratory hygiene remains vital and children will be encouraged to use a tissue when they cough or sneeze in order to Catch it! Kill it! Bin it!

Good ventilation is important and we will ensure that classroom spaces are well ventilated whilst maintaining a comfortable working environment.

Cleaning of shared resources and common touch points across the school will be maintained.

One way systems will no longer be in place.

Classroom organisation. Tables no longer need to be forward facing and children are allowed to bring their own equipment for their personal use if they choose to.

As always, thank you for the continued understanding and support that you have given the school. If you have any questions, please do email the school office office@angelroadjunior.sch.uk

