



Although we have been encouraged to start to return to normal, the virus is still out there and so it is important we continue to be cautious.

Handwashing, hand sanitising, keeping our distance from each other and, when necessary, wearing a mask continue to be actions we need to take.

Guidelines are as follows:

Your child must attend school unless they are ill.

Children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.

Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school until they get the test result, **as long as they have no symptoms.**

When should your child not attend school?

If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and book a PCR test (a Lateral Flow Test is not enough).

If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book a PCR test for them.

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 they should book a PCR test.

Anyone who has **no** symptoms but has taken a PCR test **CAN** still attend school whilst waiting for the result.

It continues to be important that if your child goes for a PCR test you inform us of this via our school email address – tanfieldlea@durhamlearning.net – and of the result when you have this.

It is important that we know the test result as soon as possible as we have to monitor this situation carefully. If we have an outbreak (5 or more cases within a group e.g. class, Breakfast Club etc.) then we would have to contact Public Health for more guidance.

School are no longer required to inform parents of any positive cases as there is no need for the class affected to isolate as a whole.

Remote Learning

Child waiting for result of PCR Test – we will not provide specific work during this time but would encourage you to get your child to do the following:

- Access all educational websites used by your child in class
- Go over spellings
- Encourage them to read as much as possible. Hear them read and question them on what they have read (Pre-School and Reception – share stories with them)

Child with a positive test result – The teacher will ring you as soon as they have set up their work on eSchools. If you need to borrow a Chromebook to access this, please let us know as soon as possible. Work will be set in two batches. Your child should work their way through the first batch. The teacher will then mark that and set the next batch. This will cover the period of absence.

I hope this clarifies things for you and is an easy guide to follow.

Many thanks.

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