

WOODHALL SCHOOL COVID-19 UPDATED GUIDELINES 1.12.21

For your information and safety, we have some updated guidelines regarding Covid-19. Depending on how many active cases we have in the school at any one time, the school have to respond differently and we may ask you to take extra measures to keep our school community safe.

If You Are Visiting School:

In line with government guidance, all visitors entering the school building must wear a mask unless they are medically exempt. We will also have a small supply of masks and hand sanitiser for you to use on site.

If You Have Symptoms:

If anyone in your household has one of the three main symptoms (high temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss of taste and smell) that person must get a PCR test and isolate immediately. **The person with symptoms must isolate until you have received a PCR Test Result.** Should you choose to keep your other children at home to be tested, this will be recorded as Covid-related absence.

Please inform the School Office if anyone in your household has symptoms.

If your child develops one of the three symptoms at school, we will call you to collect your child for a PCR test. These can be done quickly in the local area and results come back usually the next day.

We cannot accept lateral flow test results, **they must be a PCR.** A PCR test can be arranged by calling 119 or booked online here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We realise that now, especially with the rotten weather, it is time for coughs and colds. However, we must remain vigilant and protect the safety of the Woodhall Community. If your child has asthma or other respiratory conditions, these symptoms can be very similar to Covid-19. Please let us know if they are having a flare up.

If You Have a Positive Lateral Flow Test:

You must isolate and book **a PCR test** immediately.

When You Get The PCR Results:

Once you have your child's PCR results, please let the office know either by phone or email: attendance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk

If the results are positive: the positive person must isolate.

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Close-contacts or other people who live in your household should get a PCR test also. Most positive cases we have had in school have been identified because another family member has shown symptoms.

If a member of your household has a positive PCR test, please contact the school and we can give you the most up-to-date advice on what to do next.

If the results are negative: the person with symptoms may return to school as soon as they feel well enough to do so.

If You Have to Isolate:

Isolation begins the day you developed symptoms or the day you received your positive test (if you do not have symptoms.)

Isolation lasts ten whole days.

If you are isolating, you cannot leave the house to bring children to school but you may ask someone else to drop them off and collect them.

Children with a positive test result who must isolate will be provided work to complete if they feel well enough. Please let the school office or your class teacher know so this may be arranged for them.

What happens if another child in the class has a positive case of Covid-19?

Following Public Health UK guidelines, unless your child has one of the three main symptoms or a positive PCR test, they are not required to self-isolate and we are not required to 'close bubbles' or send the whole class home.

However, we will inform you via letter, email or text if there has been a positive case in your child's class.

If your child is considered a close-contact, **the government advise that you still take them for a PCR test.** They do not have to self-isolate and may continue to attend school unless they receive a positive result.

If you need to take your child for a Covid-19 test during school hours, this will not be counted on their attendance record. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me on ebattersby@woodhall.herts.sch.uk

Best Wishes,

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