



Drayton CE Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, National Covid Guidance has changed. It now states that people who have been fully vaccinated are no longer required to self isolate if they have contact with a positive case of Covid; also, those under 18 years of age no longer need to self isolate if they are a contact of a positive case.

At DJS the Covid risk assessment has been updated with policy & procedures in school altered to reflect the new guidance. As we all work hard to get our heads around the new situation, you may have a few questions about how this may affect your child at school; I have attempted to answer some of your possible queries in this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Best wishes, Mrs Read



DJS Covid Q&A for parents/carers

Can my child come to school if they have Covid symptoms? No, they should remain at home and a PCR test should be arranged. If positive, they must self isolate for 10 days. If negative and they are well, they can return to school.

If someone else in the household has symptoms, can my child come to school? Yes, the child can come to school if they have no symptoms. The person with symptoms should arrange a PCR test.

If someone in the household tests positive, can my child come to school? Whilst the government have advised that children can still come to school, to protect pupils and staff, it is recommended that a LFD test/PCR test is taken before a child returns to school. If the result is negative and the child does not have symptoms, they can return to school, however the school will support a decision to keep them at home.

Can my child come to school if they are identified as a close contact from the community? Yes, if they do not have symptoms. Although they can continue to come to school, parents may prefer to keep the child at home until the result of the PCR test is received.

What happens if someone in the class has symptoms? The child will go home, have a PCR test and self isolate until the result is received. The other children in the class will continue to attend school.

If someone in the class tests positive, what happens? The child who tested positive will self isolate for 10 days and the family should receive a call from NHS Test & Trace. All other children can continue to attend school, however it is advised that LFD tests are arranged for children who have had very close/prolonged close contact with the pupil that has tested positive. The school will inform parents if their child needs to have a test due to prolonged/close contact.

Does my child need to take regular LFD tests? No, this is not required for primary aged children, however it is understood that some families may do this. Adults taking LFD tests regularly (2 x a week) is recommended and has continued for school staff at DJS.

What happens if a lot of children at DJS test positive? In the event of an 'outbreak' the school will make contact with the local health protection team who will advise on actions that the school should take. This may include wider testing or targeted closure of classes/groups.

If a staff member tests positive, what happens? The member of staff will isolate for 10 days with a cover provided in school. If a teacher isolating at home is well enough, they may be able to teach remotely into the classroom for some parts of the day to retain contact with the children.

Will my child receive work if they are self isolating? Yes, work will be provided via Google Classroom for the child self isolating at home if they are well enough to complete it. Teachers will liaise with parents as appropriate.

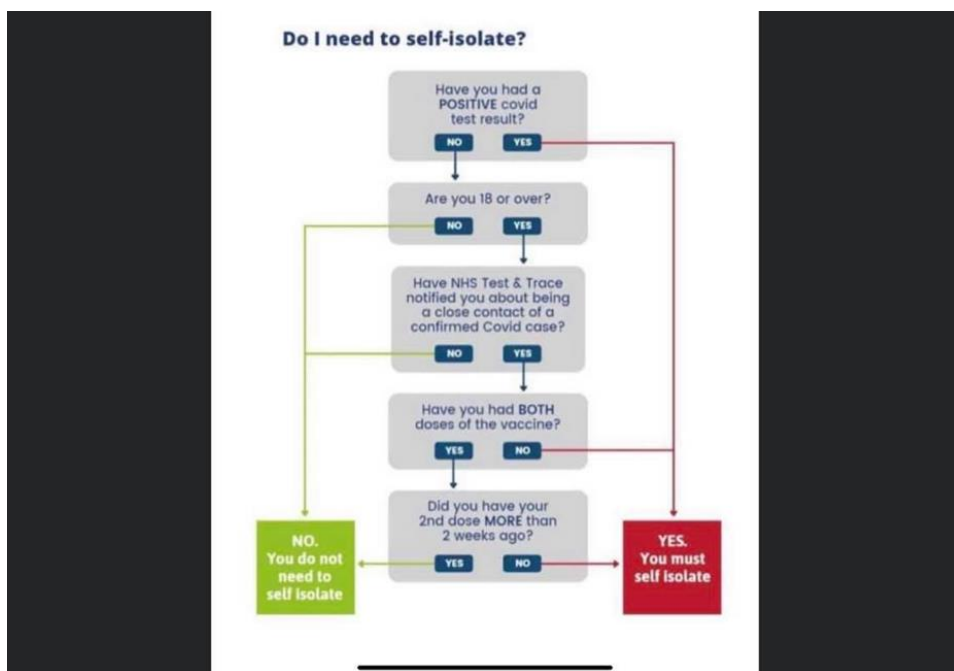
Are children still organised into bubbles? Although this is no longer a requirement, while indoors children will continue to work within their class/year group with cross over/congestion avoided using different access points. From Monday – Thursday assemblies will take place in the hall, one for Y3/4 and another for Y5/6, with a Zoom whole school assembly on Friday. Rooms will be well ventilated with strict cleaning and hand hygiene maintained.

Will school inform parents/carers if there is a positive case? The school will contact those directly affected by a positive case. General details, along with Covid H&S reminders, will be included in Newsletters.

If a parent has been identified as a close contact and is not required to self isolate (double vaccinated), are they still able to bring their child/ren to school? Yes, however the school advises taking additional precautions such as: wearing a face mask; maintain social distancing; PCR/regular LFD testing.

Does the school need to be informed if the child or a member of the household tests positive? Yes, the school office should be informed immediately so that appropriate actions can be taken to keep staff and children safe.

How do I contact my child's teacher? It is preferable that appointments are made to speak to teachers after school where possible. Appointments can be made via the school office. We fully appreciate that on occasions a conversation may be needed before school but as children come in from 8:50, if it is urgent to speak to your child's teacher then please do so before this time. Most teachers do come out onto the playground with their classes at the end of the day too and this can often be a good time to speak.



Email contact with teachers has been incredibly useful over the last year or so, being a vital link between home and school, however the number of emails received by teachers has increased substantially. For this reason please be advised that there is no expectation on teachers to reply to emails during the teaching day (9:00 – 15:00) or in the evenings (after 1800). We will always endeavour to reply/make contact within 48 hours. If an issue is urgent then please contact the school office.