



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents / carers

General update following Covid outbreak

As parents will be aware, we have had an increased number of covid cases over the last few days. The vast majority of these are in Years 4 and 6. Thank you to those parents who have arranged for PCR tests. As yet, we have far fewer cases in other year groups.

We have introduced a number of measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus across school. These include:

- Staff wearing masks in communal spaces
- Increased washing of hands
- Increased ventilation
- Implementation of bubbles in school – each year group is a separate bubble (and assemblies and activities involving 2 or more bubbles cannot take place)
- Limits to visits in and out of school
- Increased cleaning, particular of touch points

Due to the outbreak, we have had to make changes to some of our plans for activities over the next few weeks. After two weeks (3rd December), we will review some of these decisions:

Key Stage 2 Residential

We have had to postpone the key stage 2 residential visit. We have managed to rearrange the visit for the 9th and 10th February at exactly the same cost – children's bookings will automatically be moved to this date. If any children are unable to attend on these dates, we will be able to offer a full refund.

F2 and Year 1 and 2 Nativity

We have had to cancel the live shows. We will put in place a filmed performance from each year group, similar to last year.

KS2 Carol Concerts (at St Wilfrid's Church)

We hope to run these as separate year group events – we will send information about new timings in due course. We are planning four separate performances that we hope parents will be able to attend in church. If these are possible, I will confirm dates and times for these next week.

Year 3 Swimming

This is likely to carry on as normal – the first session will take place on Thursday as planned.

Carols around the Christmas Tree – PSA event 10th December 2021

Unfortunately, it is very likely this event will be cancelled.

Choir events (Christmas lights switch on / Calverton village fair)

Our choir will not be able to participate in these events.



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Sleeping Beauty Visit (Year 1 and 2)

We will make a decision about this event by the end of next week (or sooner).

DARE Graduation

Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend this year.

Christmas parties will take place in bubbles in the last week of term. Christmas dinner will still take place, with children eating their lunch in bubbles.

We will work hard to put in place alternative activities and events to those cancelled above. We had been determined to enjoy a 'normal Christmas' but obviously, reducing the chance of transmission as much as we reasonably can is our priority.

Covid Testing

Remember, if a child has any of the symptoms of covid – a cough, a high temperature, or a change of taste and smell, they should get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test).

Kind regards

Mark North

Government Self

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)



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Information:

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- [get a PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19.

You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#).

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one



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How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.