

Covid contingency outbreak plan

Information for parents/ carers, effective from September 2021.

The school's aims:

- To keep all of the school community as safe as possible during an outbreak of covid.
- To keep the school and routines as normal as possible to reduce staff and pupil anxieties; maintain staffing workloads; maintain interventions and SEN support; maintain safeguarding and welfare support; maintain attendance.

Scenario: There is a member of the school community (child or adult) who has tested positive

School must be informed as soon as known. Please call 01793 332400, or head@crowdyshill.swindon.sch.uk

The headteacher and staff determine any possible contacts in school (as identified using the DFE and PHE guidelines to date). School will contact Swindon Public Health and covid response team if needed. Schools no longer need to complete test and trace. NHS will contact the positive case for details of contacts.

School will call all relevant contacts. **Any contacts should test for covid at home.** We will not be testing in schools.

School children no longer need to self-isolate unless they are positive. School will let you know what you need to do, based on current DFE/ PHE advise. Staff will not need to self-isolate (unless the guidance changes).

We will ask that you keep your child at home if they have been on school transport with a positive case during the 'transmission dates', as we feel that they are at higher risk of transmission in this case.

School will provide paper based and some remote learning (dependant on the availability of the tutors) for pupils who are at home but not ill.

Scenario: There is a high prevalence of covid positive cases in Swindon/ local area/ nationally.

School remains open as usual.

We would recommend that parents test their children twice weekly. Do not send in your child if they have any covid symptoms (see latest NHS guidance), in particular fever.

We would ask staff to test twice weekly. Staff will wear facemasks when in proximity to others.

We will close the school to external visitors, including parents. Meetings will be held via Teams or Zoom. Medical and professional support workers will be allowed to attend school following Covid guidance such as wearing PPE.

We may have to close down some classes and offer remote learning.

After school clubs and trips may be restricted or cancelled.

Scenario: high numbers of staff in school have tested positive

School will assess the situation on an individual basis. We must ensure the safety of pupils, particularly those with medical needs who need trained staff. It is unlikely to affect whole classes.

We would inform affected pupils and parents as soon as we have staffing information.

If your child is self-isolating and not ill, we can provide work for home. Always contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will be eligible for food vouchers from the school for their period of non-attendance.

We will be continuing with some of our risk assessment precautions:

1. extra cleaning in communal areas of the school
2. encouraging hand washing
3. keeping extra cleaning equipment in rooms to clean surfaces as needed
4. ventilation as much as possible (more restricted in colder weather)
5. handwashing for pupils in secondary and sixth form on entry
6. hand gel available in all rooms
7. disposable facemasks available in all rooms to use as needed
8. visitors to wear masks when in proximity to others, until further notice
9. Adults to wear facemasks when attending to personal care or working very close to child.
10. Staff are testing regularly
11. Encouraging families to home test

Primary, secondary and sixth form are separated for most of the week.

Secondary pupils will be split into two groups from September for break and lunchtimes.

We recommend that you ask your child to wear facemasks on school transport for term 1.

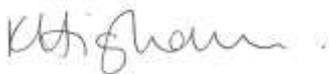
Please do not send your child into school if they have a fever, persistent cough, or any other obvious illness. We will ask you to collect your child if they are too unwell to attend to their learning.

We have lots of home testing kits. Please ask Mrs Russell if you would like some.
rrussell@crowdyshill.swindon.sch.uk

Any queries please ask to speak to a member of the leadership team.

Keep safe, and protect others, so that we can all attend school for as much time as possible.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher