

FAQs for staff/children during lockdown 3.0

- including where staff/children are required to self-isolate.

These FAQs are subject to change depending on updated government guidance.

Is my child eligible to attend school during lockdown 3.0?

Government guidance states that only children of critical workers and vulnerable children should attend school or college.
In the latest guidance, parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.
All other pupils and students will receive remote education.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Should my child attend school during lockdown 3.0 if they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable?

Children who are identified as CEV should NOT attend school, under the current guidance. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, to understand whether your child should still be classed as CEV.

Will children attending school receive a hot school meal?

Children attending school can access their usual arrangements for school meals. Please advise the school office if you would like to change arrangements.

Will extra-curricular clubs continue during the lockdown 3.0?

In line with the latest government guidance, Breakfast club is available for children eligible to attend school, who would normally attend Breakfast Club. All other provision is paused during lockdown 3.0.

Should I keep my child at home during the lockdown 3.0 if they are unwell?

To help us maintain this vital provision to children eligible to attend school, please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Do advise the school office if your child is unwell and not attending school, if they are booked in to attend by either calling the school office or emailing absence@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

Advice for contacts of people who have tested positive for Covid-19

The latest government guidance can be found here.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person](#)

Can my self-isolating child accompany me for school drop off/pick up?

No. Any person, adult or child, must stay at home during the period of self-isolation as per government guidance.

What do I do if my child, or a family member tests positive for Covid-19?

Please inform the school office immediately on 0208 542 1413 or email parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

We will complete a risk assessment and gather key information that will not be stored. Whilst the school community will be advised of a single case/outbreak all personal details will remain confidential.

All household members should self-isolate and follow government guidance.

When can my child return to school?

If your child has been asked to self-isolate, you will be advised through SIMS Parent App of the date your child/bubble can return to school. We follow guidance from The London Coronavirus Response Centre (LCRC), Public Health England (PHE) and the Local Authority. As part of their risk assessment process, we supply contact information and dates including dates of testing etc.

Are siblings required to self-isolate where there has been a positive case within the household?

Yes. Along with NHS Test and Trace we will inform individual families that they will need to self-isolate. Siblings are not permitted to attend school during this time.

How do you decide if it is an individual or group who needs to isolate?

When a positive result is confirmed to us we complete a Public Health England (PHE) risk assessment. Part of this risk assessment is to track the number of direct contacts of the individual within the school setting. Then, with the support of PHE, LCRC and the Local Authority, we are able to identify individuals/bubbles or whole year groups who need to self-isolate; the guidance is very clear about this.

Sometimes this will be a bubble, where we can be sure that the individual has had no direct or proximity contact with the other bubbles in the year group. The school does not close a year group if the thresholds have not been met. Due to confidentiality, the school will not disclose if it is either a member of staff or pupil that has tested positive.

Should I get my child tested?

Only book a test if your child develops symptoms. This will make sure people who need a test can get one. If your child displays any of the Covid-19 symptoms then you should book a test [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus](#) or contact NHS111 by phone if you do not have internet access,

[Check if you or your child has coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)

Please note if your child is well but has been advised to self-isolate, a negative test will not change the length of isolation, as they can become symptomatic for up to 10 days.

What cleaning measures are currently in place?

The school has employed an additional cleaner and increased the cleaning hours, to ensure that increased cleaning takes place. Cleaning surfaces and door handles etc. are cleaned throughout the school day. Additional deep cleaning takes place each day. In addition to these measures, the school has timetabled a 'Fogger' machine to clean all areas within the school, including communal areas, toilets and classrooms. The equipment, when used with increased hygiene measures can kill most infections. Classrooms and communal areas cannot be accessed immediately after this increased level of cleaning.

Who must wear face coverings?

Face coverings will be worn by staff in communal areas and corridors, where it is difficult to maintain social distancing. Face visors may be worn in classrooms by staff, where 2m social distancing is difficult to maintain. Parents and visitors must wear face coverings if entering the school building. Despite measures, there are times that it's difficult to socially distance. With the R rate continuing to rise, we strongly advise parents to wear face masks, for example at pick up and drop off and to maintain a safe social distance. The latest government guidance states that children under 11 Years are not advised to wear face masks. However, if there are particular reasons why parents wish children to wear a face mask, they will be allowed to do so. This is an individual parental decision. If a parent wishes their child to wear a facemask to/from school, or within the classroom, they must store face coverings in a clear sealable bag and children must be taught how to remove them hygienically and safely. Children benefit greatly from being able to see, hear and read facial expressions. Wearing a face mask for pupils under 11 years will restrict this.

How can I access virtual learning for my child during lockdown 3.0?

Please see our Remote Learning Continuity Plan.

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Remote-Learning-Continuity-Plan-for-Parents-Pupils.docx.pdf>

For information on our Remote Education Provision please see our FAQs

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FAQs-during-January-2021-Lockdown-.pdf>

For any problems accessing the remote learning please contact the office.