



# Covid-19 policy for the Swedish School in London

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## Purpose

The purpose of the school's local Covid-19 policy is to:

- reduce risks of transmitting the Coronavirus and, by doing so, keep pupils, staff, families, host families and visitors as safe as possible.
- do what we reasonably can to avoid larger outbreaks and keep the school open as much as possible.

The policy is based on the government's guidelines for schools as well as other available data from various sources and regular risk assessments undertaken by School Management.

## Don't come to school with symptoms or if you are unwell

We kindly but firmly ask all children, pupils and staff to stay at home if they are unwell (with Covid-19 symptoms) while taking regular lateral flow tests. They are welcome back to school once the symptoms are mild, they are well and have a negative lateral flow test. Young children are exempt from the testing requirement.

If in any doubt about what to do in a particular case, please contact the school for advice.

## Reporting a child/pupil as ill on SchoolSoft

Please continue to be careful to make a note of the reason for your child's sick leave on SchoolSoft when you report them before the start of school each morning. The school will continue to monitor absence in order to identify any tendencies that might indicate an outbreak of Covid-19 at school.



## Face coverings

Face coverings in communal areas indoors are mandatory for all staff and pupils in year 4 or older until Thursday 27th January. The use of face masks indoors after this date is purely discretionary and up to the individual.

Please note that people with medical conditions who make them exempt aren't required to wear face coverings according to government guidance.

## Lateral flow tests for all pupils and staff

### Twice weekly lateral flow tests at home

Based on government guidance, we continue to ask staff and pupils in year 4 and older to test themselves with lateral flow tests twice per week at home before coming to school (Sunday evenings or Monday mornings and on Wednesdays). Younger children should be supervised by adults when taking and processing the tests.

Please register the test results on the NHS app or website and notify the school of any positive test results as soon as possible.

### Regular spot testing at school

We will continue to regularly perform spot tests at school on pupils where guardians have given their consent. The purpose being to reduce the risk of outbreaks due to asymptomatic cases.

## If pupils or staff develop symptoms at school

### The positive child, pupil or member of staff

Anyone who develops symptoms during the school day will be sent home by the school. If a symptomatic pupil has to wait for their parents at school they will do so outside (if weather permits) or in an assigned group room.

They should take a lateral flow test when they get home and stay at home until:

- 1) they are well if testing negative, or
- 2) have completed their self-isolation according to [national guidelines](#) if testing positive for Covid-19 on a lateral flow (or PCR) test.



### **Close contacts at school**

If a pupil tests positive all pupils in their class and other close contacts in year 4 or older (including staff) will be asked to take a lateral flow test during their next lesson.

Pupils test themselves under the supervision of staff. Please note that only pupils with content forms signed by both guardians will be tested in school. In cases where we don't have consent, the guardians should test their children at home as a matter of priority.

Pupils and staff are also asked to test themselves during the first lesson of the day if a pupil in their class has tested positive for Covid-19 outside of school.

## **Positive lateral flow test - what should I do?**

Anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 on a lateral flow test should immediately self-isolate according to government guidelines. The requirement for a confirmatory PCR test has been removed according to the latest government guidance.

Regardless of vaccination status, anyone who is self-isolating with Covid-19 has the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

- For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take lateral flow tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## **Close contacts to a positive Covid-19 case**

Government [guidelines](#) state that close contact should book a PCR test via the NHS website or take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days.



## **Pupils & staff with a positive Covid-19 case in their household**

School policy requires pupils and staff with a positive household member to stay at home from school for two weekdays from the onset of symptoms or a positive lateral flow test (if asymptomatic). During this time they must take a daily lateral flow test. If they continue to test negative on these, the pupil is welcome back to school from day 3.

The pupil will continue to take a daily lateral flow test before coming to school for the duration of the self-isolation period of the sick household member.

## **Remote education for pupils in self-isolation due to Covid-19**

Pupils from Preschool Class and older who are asked to stay at home by the school or in self-isolation will have access to remote teaching to the best of our ability. This can take different forms depending on the teacher's planning for the lessons in question (i.e. Zoom, work on assignments in shared documents, etc).

For more information please check SchoolSoft each morning and:

- Up to and including year 3: SeeSaw
- From year 4 and older: Google Classroom

## **Process in the event of positive cases at school**

### **In case of random confirmed cases of Covid-19**

The school will no longer report all individual cases to parents at school given the relaxed government guidelines. This policy will be kept under close review and will be updated if national guidelines change or we see the need to reintroduce stronger restrictions based on risk assessments.

### **In case of a widespread outbreak**

In case of a widespread outbreak, the school will confer with the local health protection team for further guidance. This could result in the school sending home one or several whole classes for testing. In this instance, they would receive remote teaching until they can return to school.



We will also notify the board, staff and guardians in writing if there are multiple positive cases of Covid-19 in a class or group of pupils who are likely to be close contacts. The information will be sent out by email and posted on SchoolSoft.

### **If a parent, other member of a child's or student's household or contractor tests positive for Covid-19**

In the case of a parent, or another member of a child's household, testing positive for Covid-19, they are expected to notify the school as soon as possible.

School management will inform staff, parents in the affected bubble that a member of a child's household has tested positive and that the household is self-isolating. The school will also update parents with any further information that is relevant to their children.

The school will not take any action in these cases unless a child, student or teacher tests positive. Or if we are contacted by the local health protection team.

## **General guidelines**

### **Both schools**

- All larger meetings with parents and other stakeholders will be held remotely via Zoom or Google Meet until further notice.
- No parents or other stakeholders allowed inside the school premises unless they have a pre-booked meeting.
- We continue to be mindful of "hands, face and space", meaning that we encourage good hand hygiene and ventilation inside of the school buildings and classrooms.
- In case of anyone testing positive while they are at school, we make sure to sanitise areas they have been.

### **Sixth form**

- Staff and students must adhere to any restrictions and guidelines at the National Archives while being in the public areas of the building.