



Dear Parents/Carers

WGS Newsletter (11) Covid Update (13/10/2021)

We would like to highlight our school processes regarding when to attend school and when not to attend in circumstances concerning Covid. We have had some situations where a student has been in school whilst waiting for a PCR test. We have made a school decision that, if a student has required a PCR test, either because they have symptoms, have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test or because someone in the household has had a positive PCR test, the student should remain off school until they have the results of their PCR test. This is usually taking less than a day.

Our full procedures are:

School Process concerning Covid – all students Years 7 to 13

If your child is off school for any Covid-19 related reason, please notify the school as you would with any other absence via Insight <https://insight.wgswitney.org.uk/INSIGHT/secure.aspx>

- 1. If your child receives a positive LFD test result**, please inform school via Insight as above, and book a PCR test for them.
At this stage, only the student with the positive LFD result needs to get a PCR test and stay at home. The PCR test result, positive or negative, must be notified to school via Insight. If negative, return to school. *Any siblings at Wood Green can attend school as long as they have a negative LFD test result and are not displaying symptoms.*
Close contacts and household members do not need to get a PCR test unless the original PCR test comes back positive (see 4 below).
- 2. If your child develops Covid symptoms** as below, please book them a PCR test and log the absence via Insight as above. Close contacts and household members do not need to get a PCR test unless the child's PCR test comes back positive. *Any siblings at Wood Green can continue to attend school.*
The PCR test result, positive or negative must be notified to school via Insight. We would ask that students stay away from school until they have a negative result from this PCR test.
The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

 - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest/back, or a temperature over 37.8C
 - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- 3. If your child receives a positive PCR test result**, please inform school via Insight as above. *Any siblings at Wood Green should arrange to have a PCR test and should NOT attend school until they receive a negative PCR test result.* Please notify school of all PCR test results via Insight.
- 4. If someone in your household receives a positive PCR test result**, please inform school via Insight as above.
Any children who attend Wood Green should arrange to have a PCR test and should NOT attend school until they receive a negative PCR test result. Please notify school of the child's PCR test results via Insight.

If your child is at home due to a Covid related absence and is well enough, they can log on to their lessons via Microsoft Teams.

Face Coverings

Our change to wearing face coverings in corridors is going well. Thank you for supporting this and continuing to remind your child to bring a face covering to school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Shadbolt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher