



We have been fortunate with our number of Covid cases staying low this half term so far, but we have had a few.

Whilst we are not sharing with parents every time there is a case in school, we will inform you of a case in your child's class **if we know of any significant health**

vulnerabilities in your household or if there are more than 3 cases in a class. Please let Mrs Plowman know if there are any health vulnerabilities in the household.

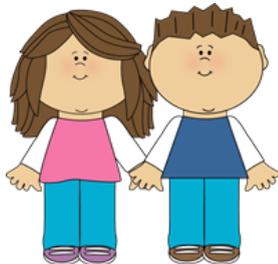


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If there is someone off school with a suspected Covid case within the class, from a lateral flow test, **we will try to separate the class from mixing too much with the rest of the school**, so your child might say that they are having lunch separately from the rest of the school, or not attending assembly. This is precautionary to split them off from the rest of the school to prevent wider spread, just in case the PCR

comes back positive.



If a child tests positive, if they have siblings who also come to Bluebell, **we are encouraging parents to get the siblings tested too**, and to continue testing using lateral flow tests.

Thankfully the other horrid colds and coughs are beginning to disappear. **But we are noticing that absence for other reasons is beginning to get higher, or some people are telling us their child has Covid symptoms, but are then out and about in the community.**

We understand that it might feel like mixed messages, so to be clear:

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

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1) Any symptoms of Covid stay off, stay off school and get a PCR test

2) Any of the other symptoms such as upset tummy, headache check with a lateral flow test or PCR test.

3) Follow these rules for other illnesses.

4) Other than that, children should be at school!