

# Methodist College Covid Protocols Update 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Your child(ren) **must not** attend school in the following circumstances:

1. They have Covid symptoms;
2. A member of the household has tested positive;
3. They are identified as a close contact.

In all of the above instances, they should get a PCR test. You can book a free test using the foll

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

For close contacts the test should be taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after the close contact (with a second test on day 8, regardless of the outcome of the first test). If the result of the PCR test is negative, then they can return to school. If the result is positive, they must stay at home and self-isolate according to PHA guidelines. The current requirement is to self-isolate for 10 days following a positive test or the onset of symptoms. The most up-to-date guidance can be found by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating>

If a member of the household tests positive with Covid during the school day, then please inform the school immediately using the Covid contact e-mail ([covid@methodistcollege.org.uk](mailto:covid@methodistcollege.org.uk)). Arrangements will then be made for your child(ren) to go home at the earliest opportunity.

If your child(ren) develop symptoms during the school day then they must go to the medical room in School House and inform the school nurse. They will then be kept isolated until such times as you can collect them and take them home.

The close contact information form is available on the school website [www.methody.org](http://www.methody.org). The link automatically appears in a pop-up when you access the website. This form is currently a Word document, so please make sure that you save any changes that you make to it before e-mailing it to the school. It will soon be replaced by an online form that will make submission of your information easier.

If your child(ren) have to isolate for ten days, then work will be provided for them via Google Classroom and/or directly by e-mail to their school e-mail account.

The situation remains fluid and official advice from the PHA and government can change at short-notice. The document, *Coronavirus A Simple Guide*, contains links to additional information from the PHA. These links should always take you to the most recent advice.