



**Guidance for parents on COVID-19 additional measures as of
14th January 2022
Version 3**

St Cuthbert Mayne wishes to operate as close to normal during this latest rise in Covid-19. In order to make this happen, we need the close co-operation of our whole school community.

From January 17th, the Government has changed its policy on self-isolation. The Government advice on self-isolating is changing. Please read this in detail the Government information below as it does not mean that your child returns to school on day 5. Please note day one is the day **after** your child's positive LFT. Please see our table below for different scenarios.

Whether or not your child has a negative LFT test, please continue to follow our guidance on not sending your child to school if:

1. They are unwell;
2. They have any of the symptoms of Covid (temperature above 37.8; persistent cough; loss of taste or smell).
3. They are a close contact /a member of their household has tested positive for Covid on a LFT or PCR test.

In the case of 2 and 3, children should have a LFT test as soon as possible.

All members of staff will continue to take LFTs twice weekly, or more frequently if they are in any doubt.

Important change to self-isolation from January 17th 2022

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (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 of their tests 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 LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Situation	Action	Isolation
Your child has symptoms and tests positive on a LFT	Take next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is non-symptomatic but tests positive on a LFT	Taking next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is a close contact of a person with a positive LFT or PCR test.	Take next day following initial close contact as Day 1 of isolation. If later child has a positive LFT, isolation period starts again – next day Day 1.	Five days isolation – taking LFT on day 5 and 6. Return day 6. If a positive LFT in the 5 days, start isolation again.
Your child has had Covid in the last six weeks and is now a close contact of someone with Covid	Take daily LFT and, if negative, continue to attend school.	No isolation, unless positive LFT.
You do not have enough lateral flow tests	Apply via government website / get code and collect from Pharmacy.	You need to continue isolation for full 10 days (no early release).

* Please note this may be different to advice for vaccinated adults and secondary age children. The reason for this is to help stop the spread not only to other children but also to our staff so we can provide uninterrupted education. Those children isolating will be supported with work via their Google Classroom. This will be in the form of work relevant to what other children are working on in school.

Actions for close contacts

In order to limit the spread of Omicron, the school deems it necessary to ask children who have siblings or adults at home who have tested positive on a LFT test, to remain at home and isolate. This is because the children in our school have not been vaccinated and are more likely to either contract Covid 19 or spread it to others.

Previous and relevant advice

The school will follow the following guidance and adaptation to measures set out by Public Health England and the Government where appropriate.

The following provides information on the new/current procedures we have put in place together with important information all members of the school community need to be aware of. A full updated Risk Assessment has been carried out by the school and is regularly updated.

- Classes will operate in year “groups” (not bubbles) at break and lunchtimes, however children will be sitting with their class.
- Interactions with other year groups will be limited but permitted eg there may be crossover times in the dining room.
- Assemblies will be limited and for no more than two year groups.
- We will keep a staggered end to the school day in order to avoid crowding amongst parents and carers at pick up. Drop off will be in a 10 minute window (gates will normally be opened just before 8.45)
- Masks – At St Cuthbert Mayne, following directives from HCC and the Government, we require staff to wear masks when in close contact with other members of staff or when working in small groups with children.
- Parents are requested to wear a mask when coming to collect their children from the playground unless they are exempt. Parents are also requested to follow the one way system.
- Parents should not come into the school building unless for a medical or specific educational visit. If a parent does need to speak to a member of staff in school, we would request they wear a mask. Parents coming into school would be requested to wear a mask (unless they are exempt).

In our Risk Assessment and in our normal working, we have set out any additional measures we need to put in place if there are a significant number of cases. This is likely to be if:

- 5 pupils or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Communication of information will be important both from parents and staff members.

In the event of a significant rise in numbers the school will implement its Outbreak Management Plan as set out on our website.

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SCM-Outbreak-Management-Plan-Nov-21.pdf>

Timing of school day

Pupils arrival time	
Time	Group
8.45am – 8.55am (register 8.55)	All year groups

Pupils will continue to enter their classrooms through external doors

Pupil end of day times	
Time	Group
3.05pm	Year 3
3.10pm	Year 4
3.15pm	Year 5
3.20pm	Year 6

Parents are requested to continue to follow the one way system which was in place in the summer term: Enter the upper playground via the middle gate and exit via the top gate. Please stay on the fence side of the playground. Those waiting for siblings can wait in the area to the right when you come in the gate.

- Parents are asked not to enter the school building unless for a pre-arranged appointment or bringing a child into school following a medical or other appointment. Otherwise parents should only enter the premises via the upper playground gates. The side gate near Year 3 classrooms will remain locked.
- Parents are requested to follow our one-way system when dropping off and picking up their child / children.
- Our usual safeguarding procedures will apply – children will go to a known adult / only Year 6 children with permission to walk home alone will be allowed to.
- We will look out for any disabled parent or carer in the car park – near the steps – and bring your child to you. There will be designated disabled parking areas.
- Parents are requested (but not required) to wear a mask when on the playground in order to protect others. They should wear a mask if asking to speak to a member of staff.

Breakfast Club

- Breakfast Club starts at 7.55 (gates open at 7.50). Children will go straight to class from Breakfast Club at 8.45.
- Breakfast Club staff will sign children in at the gate. A contact number is on the gate for late arrivals. The child will come in and use the hand sanitiser at the door / or go straight to wash their hands. Member of staff will complete the Breakfast Club register.
- The gate will be open until 8.15 after which you need to phone 07526076963 to be let in by Breakfast Club staff at the middle gate.

Important reminders

COVID-19 Phase Four Risk Reduction Measures

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This document should be read in conjunction with the following:

- School Policy for Remote Learning
- HCC School RA (internal use only)

Section 1: Attendance and virus management including remote learning

➤ Attendance

We will be monitoring attendance and encouraging all pupils to attend unless they are not attending in circumstances due to Coronavirus. This is to ensure that all parents follow the guidance of Public Health England. These absences will be recorded with a distinct separate code that will not count as absence.

If a child is self-isolating, the school will provide remote learning. See Guidance to Parents on remote learning on our website (Covid-19 updates).

➤ Self-isolation and coronavirus symptoms, suspected and confirmed cases.

St Cuthbert Mayne asks all members of our community to follow the self-isolation guidance and testing processes. Parents / carers are expected to alert the school immediately if their child is a close contact of a positive case, displaying symptoms, having a LFT test and the result of the test. This should be via the phone or the school email address: admin@cuthbertmaye.herts.sch.uk

We trust that our parents / carers will not send their child to school if they are displaying symptoms or are advised to take action by NHS Track & Trace.

If a child has a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above; has a loss of taste or smell or if they have a persistent dry cough, they will be isolated away from adults and children on site and their parents contacted to collect them immediately. No child should be brought into the school if they have these symptoms. If a child is awaiting collection by the parent/carer, they must isolate either on the bench outside the front entrance or in the gazebo. Staff members must remain more than two metres away.

The family will be asked to follow NHS guidance whilst getting a COVID-19 test. Areas occupied and equipment used by the affected person are to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

➤ Procedure for remote learning

In the event of any of the following, St Cuthbert Mayne will switch to remote learning for all pupils concerned if:

- A local lockdown
- A pupil self-isolating
- A closure of a class bubble
- Outbreak of COVID-19 closing the school

St Cuthbert Mayne uses Google Classroom to deliver remote learning. A Remote Learning Policy has been introduced and all children can access their google classroom. Guidance for parents on our remote learning provision is on the school website.

If your child encounters any problems with this, please contact the school on admin@cuthbertmaye.herts.sch.uk.

Any parent / carer whose child does not have access to a laptop / tablet / internet at home is asked to make this known to the class teacher/school office.

Please note that when school is open to all pupils, remote learning will not be “live” but will offer work suggestions for children that will be checked by their teachers. Please see the appendix of our Remote Learning Policy for more details.

➤ Cleaning

Staff will clean frequently used surfaces throughout the day. The school is cleaned each evening by our school cleaners. Frequently used resources will be cleaned each day throughout the day. We now use a non-toxic but highly effective spray called Pathisol (used by NHS in hospitals to fumigate) in all areas in addition to our other measures.

➤ Hygiene practice

Children and staff will wash their hands/ use hand sanitiser regularly. The hand washing regime will adhere to government guidelines. Hand washing facilities are in each classroom. The children will be reminded to ‘Catch it, kill it, bin it’ and place tissues in yellow foot-pedal operated bins. The bins have lids and content will be double wrapped for disposal.

➤ First aid/PPE

Children are permitted to wear masks but are not required or advised to do so.

Staff administering first aid will wear PPE. Each member of staff has a PPE kit in a named zip wallet – this includes a mask (one use only), apron, gloves and reusable plastic shield to wear if necessary. 3-ply masks are available to all staff as necessary.

Section 2: Safe Arrival and Collection

➤ **Drop off**

Children are invited to arrive at school from 8.45 (unless at Breakfast Club) and should be in class for registration at 8.55.

Gates will normally be opened just before 8.45. The middle and top gate in the top playground are the only entry point for pupils. **Parents should not enter the school premises in the morning.** Staff will be in the playground to welcome the children and direct

them directly to their classroom.

The car park will be busy so please do leave as soon as you have dropped your child off.

➤ **Late arrivals**

Parents / carers who arrive late and miss their drop off slot will be asked to phone the office to request a member of staff to let them in via the middle gate of the top playground.

They will need to wait with their child until a staff member becomes available to assist the children into class.

Children should not arrive at the front entrance unless by prior arrangement (eg returning from a medical appointment)

Pupils arrival time	
Time	Group
8.45am – 8.55am (register 8.55)	All year groups

Parents / Carers should collect their children according to the timetable below. Parents are requested to wear a mask.

- We operate a one way system at pick up.
- Parents are invited into the upper playground and asked to stay along the fence (parallel to the car park).
- Please attempt to pick up your child at the allotted time to avoid congestion both between parents and children waiting.
- Your child will come to you at which point you can step forward and follow the arrows to exit via the top gate.
- **Parents are requested to come into the playground only when their year group is requested by the signage.** Please do not stand at the middle gate and direct your child to the top gate or wait outside the top gate. We want to avoid children negotiating the car park on their own as this is dangerous.
- We will look out for any disabled parent or carer in the car park – near the steps – and bring your child to you via the middle gate (when there is a break in the flow).
- Please use the path back to the car park. *The grass bank is steep and can become very slippy and dangerous when wet and should not be used.*
- Parents of Year 6 children must notify the class teacher in writing in advance if they wish their child to leave on their own. They will exit via the top gate.

Time	Group
3.05pm	Year 3
3.10pm	Year 4
3.15pm	Year 5
3.20pm	Year 6

Section 3: Learning and Curriculum

➤ *Curriculum learning*

St Cuthbert Mayne will maintain a broad and balanced curriculum for our children.

St Cuthbert Mayne will continue to use Google Classrooms for some homework and this will be the platform to provide home learning should it be needed.

Communication with your child's teacher is important to us and should be made via the school office email – admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk. Please look out for information in the school newsletter and Wednesday email.

➤ Well-being

Our children's well-being continues to be particularly important. We are developing a Memorial Garden/Rainbow Garden; We have a sensory area; a Rainbow room; and outdoor nature area to help support well-being.

Section 4: Lunchtime and School Clubs

Break and Lunchtime arrangements		
Year group	Break Time	Lunch time
Year 3	15min AM break	11.45am – 12.50pm
Year 4	15 min AM break	12.00 – 1pm
Year 5	15 min AM break	12.15 – 1.15pm
Year 6	15 min AM break	12.30 – 1.30pm

➤ Morning Break and Lunchtimes

Mid-morning breaks will be at two set times time – allowing only one year group on each playground.

All pupils will eat lunch at the start of their lunchtime break – we have staggered times in the dining room to accommodate this.

The menu information will be on the school website and there is no change in the process for ordering school dinners.

➤ Breakfast club

Breakfast club will operate as normal. Registration (for new users) and booking is essential via our online system. Children will sit in their year groups during breakfast club. Parents should not come on to site and a member of staff will greet them at the gate. Children must use the hand sanitiser at the door / or go straight to wash their hands. Breakfast Club starts at 7.55 (gates open at 7.50). Children will go straight to class from Breakfast Club at 8.45. The gate will be open until 8.15 after which you need to phone 07526076963 to be let in by Breakfast Club staff at the middle gate.

➤ After school clubs

We are open for extracurricular after school clubs – please look out for details in our school weekly communications. APEX sessions can be booked directly with APEX including Street Dance. Taekwondo Club runs on Fridays after school and Playfeet on a Wednesday.

St Cuthbert Mayne will be open to collections of after school care providers; namely The Good Shepherd. Children will wait to be collected from St Cuthbert Mayne in the assigned area.

Section 5: Equipment and Access to the School Site

➤ Clothing and equipment

Children need to wear school uniform to school including plimsolls. Ensure all items are clearly labelled and that fruit snacks come to school in a disposable bag. School shoes must be appropriate and consistent with our Uniform Policy which is on the school website.

Children will complete physical activities in school wearing their PE kits as usual. PE will usually be outside. Therefore, please ensure that your child has their PE kit including a school tracksuit (see you uniform policy if purchasing new). All kit must be labelled.

➤ Access for Parents / Carers to site

Parents / carers are unable to access the school building. If you need to access the front entrance please use the buzzer at the gate to access the site. Please contact the school via the phone or email should you need to contact school. The school office is only open for communication via phone and email but we are here each day to speak with you. If you have an urgent message, please do pass it to the staff member on duty that morning.