



Health

Dear Joel,

Re: COVID-19 at Windale Public School

As advised on 01/11/2021, a member of our school community has tested positive to COVID-19. Your child Archer Hennessey has been identified as a '**close contact**' of the confirmed case.

The last date of exposure occurred on 29.10.2021

As a close contact, your child is required to get tested and self-isolate, regardless of whether they have symptoms. Your child's self-isolation and testing requirements depend on whether they are vaccinated for COVID-19.

Fully Vaccinated (Where it has been more than 14 days since the second vaccination)

- If your child is fully vaccinated, they must self-isolate at least until 5.11.2021 (7 days from last exposure).
- They must get tested immediately, on day 6 of their self-isolation period and again on day 12.
- They may only leave self-isolation after 7 days if they receive a negative result from the test on day 6 and have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Not Fully Vaccinated (Where both vaccinations have not been administered or it has been less than 14 days since the second vaccination).

- If your child is not fully vaccinated, they must self-isolate at least midnight 12.11.2021 (14 days from last exposure).
- They must get tested immediately and again on day 6 and day 12 of their self-isolation period.
- They may only leave self-isolation after 14 days if they receive a negative result from the test on day 12 and have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Regardless of their vaccination status, your child must not return to school until 14 days after their last exposure date. At the end of this period, please send a copy of their negative test result through to the school email address windale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

If your child has tested positive to COVID-19 within the last 6 months they are not required to isolate.

We understand that in some families it may be difficult to isolate children from other family members. Designate a person in your household to care for your child while they are a close contact. This carer should ideally be fully vaccinated and not have other illnesses. If the carer is fully vaccinated, they do not need to co-isolate with the child (they can leave the home) but should not enter a high-risk setting (health care, aged care, disability care, early childhood centres, primary school and correctional facility) for the duration of the child's isolation period. If the carer is not fully vaccinated, they need to co-isolate with the child.



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Other people in the household who are not the designated carer do not need to self-isolate unless your child tests positive for COVID-19, and as long as your child is isolated from them at all times.

If you need practical support or have non-urgent health related questions during isolation call NSW Health on 1800 943 553.

If your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or extreme tiredness, please get them tested for COVID-19 again.

If symptoms develop, please:

- Go to a COVID-19 testing clinic (see details below); and
- Call the school to let us know.

You can find your nearest COVID-19 testing clinic [here](#).

If your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.

Advice and resources are available on the NSW Health website including a [COVID-19 close contact factsheet](#), [advice on isolation for parents and carers](#) and further information about COVID-19. Additional resources are also available on the [NSW Government](#) website.

If you require an interpreter please contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. You will not be charged for this service.

During this time, staff and students will be supported to learn from home.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to work closely with NSW Health to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Yours sincerely

Cindy Sadler
Principal
Windale Public School
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