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Dear Parents

We have been notified that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing to help identify cases promptly.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should have a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end isolation; if positive, the child should isolate for a minimum of five full days after the day of a positive test. Self-isolation can end on day 6 if your child has 2 negative lateral flow tests on days 5 and 6 and they do not have a temperature. The tests must be 24 hours apart. If either test is positive you must wait 24 hours before testing again and should have two negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days. Isolation can end on day 10 without the need to test first.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell. If the child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms, they should stay at home and isolate for at least 5 days from the date the positive test was taken (see above). The isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-free-covid-19-test) or by calling 119.



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What is the latest advice for the contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If someone is identified as a contact of a person who has had a positive test result for COVID-19, then they must stay at home and self-isolate unless they meet one of the following conditions:

- Are fully vaccinated
- Are below the age of 18 year 6 months
- Have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- Are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

[Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Any member of the household who is aged 18 Years and 6 months or over and has only received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine or has not received any dose of the COVID-19 vaccination will still be required to self-isolate as a household contact of someone with COVID-19 symptoms awaiting testing and someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

NHS Test and Trace will get in touch with anyone who is a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to check whether they are legally required to self-isolate. If you are legally required to self-isolate, your isolation period includes the date of your last contact with the person who has a positive lateral flow or PCR test results for COVID-19 and the next 10 full days. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, then they will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

You may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) If you are required to stay at home and self-isolate or you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate.



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Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at:

[https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/)

symptoms/ If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading?

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated - everyone aged 12 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#)
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people - particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely
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