



Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: Coronavirus - Confirmed Case in Year 1 - 04.10.21**

Please be aware that we have had a positive case of COVID-19 in Year 1. It is also important to note that that no other children need to isolate that all classes remain open. Your child should continue to attend school as normal if they remain well.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, however all pupils and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant. All parents/carers are strongly advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic Lateral Flow Device (LFD) COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household. LFD Test kits are available from school on request.

### **If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)**

They should get a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

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 (anosmia).

If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken.

This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

**Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others.**

If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you should:

- Limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing unless exempt from doing so
- Limit contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- Take part in [regular LFD testing](#)

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-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.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We would like to encourage all eligible members of the school community to ensure that they have received their COVID-19 vaccination. If you have not already done so, further information is available via the link below:

[COVID-19 Vaccine NHS](#)

**We would like to respectfully remind all parents and carers to continue to do their best to support the school by:**

- Arriving at school no earlier than 8.40am in the morning and 3.10pm in the afternoons
- Ensuring that each child is accompanied by no more than one adult
- Avoiding having prolonged close contact with those outside their family group or congregating in larger groups during drop-off and pick-up times
- Encouraging their children to enter their classrooms independently and trying to avoid having lengthy conversations with staff at the classroom doors. (Please contact the school office if you need to share more detailed information with the teachers or if you would like to make an appointment)
- Allowing children in Year 5 and 6 to enter the school and classrooms independently
- Informing the school promptly if their child experiences symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positively for COVID-19
- Ensuring that no family member enters the school site if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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