

7th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer or Guardian

Re: Contact with Positive Case

Affected Classes: P16 - all students in Mrs Hopley's group, Ms Speck's group, Ms Rumey's group and Mrs Latimer's group

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within your child's class group.

In line with the current national guidance we have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected individual.

Your child is not required to self-isolate at present, unless they have symptoms, but the national guidelines recommend that they take a PCR or Lateral Flow Device test as soon as possible.

The recommendations are that your child should take a LFD test daily and if this is negative, they are able to be in school. However, if they are showing any COVID-19 symptoms they should stay at home and continue to take LFD tests daily.

PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119. Once the PCR is taken, your child should stay at home and isolate until they get their results. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

If individuals are having difficulties booking a test online they should use the 'my council/local authority has asked me to book a test' option.

If the PCR or LFD test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate and follow the current guidelines for self-isolation. In summary, if they have a negative lateral flow test on days 6 and 7 of isolation they can return to school on day 8, however if they have a positive lateral flow on day 6 or day 7 they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. For the purposes of coming out of self-isolation testing cannot be completed before day 6, and the tests on day 6 and day 7 need to be 24 hours apart. Please see the link to the Staying at Home Guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

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

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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

Further Information

Further information is available at

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

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone, and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.

Yours sincerely,

Ms D Bailey
Headteacher