

## Warn and Inform Letter for Schools / Colleges

We have been informed that a member of our setting community has tested positive for COVID-19.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health and the Local Authority. Under procedures for Step 4 of the Government's roadmap, schools are no longer involved in the contact tracing process.

Close contacts under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate. Individuals who have had close contact with the positive case may be contacted by Test and Trace. Contacts in an educational setting will be traced if the positive case specifically identifies an individual as having close contact which will normally have occurred in a social setting e.g. sleepovers and they may be advised to book a PCR test and/or limit their social contact.

Children or staff who shared a classroom or space in school will not be counted as close contacts unless they are specifically identified and they should continue to attend the setting as normal. They can also carry out all other activities in line with national guidance and following all safety measures which have been put in place based on national and local Public Health advice.

**All adults and children aged 11 plus are advised to take part in twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) home testing, and we would strongly advise that this continues. If your child is under 11 years old, then we recommend that all adults in the house continue to test regularly using the free LFD kits. Any results should be reported to the NHS and all positive results reported to the school/setting. We also encourage those adults or young people in the household, who are eligible for the vaccine to take up the offer.**

If your child, or anyone else in the house develops any COVID-19 symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test. Please remember to let the school know about any possible cases or any other symptoms/illnesses your child develops, which should be treated like any other childhood illness.

### **What to do if anyone in the household develop symptoms of COVID 19**

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Anyone with symptoms can request a test for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

### **Further Information**

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

Yours sincerely,

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