

Advice and Inform letter to a positive case

Thank you for informing us that your child has tested positive for COVID-19 and is now isolating at home.

We realise that this is likely to be a worrying time for you and hope that they recover quickly.

Under new guidance anyone under 18 years 6 months and most adults will not be required to isolate, even if live in the same house as a positive case but are advised to book a PCR test, to consider limiting their contacts outside the household and take regular LFT tests. Based on advice from our Public Health Team in relation to the current situation at the school, it is recommended that any children and young people who are members of your household, and who usually attend nursery, school or college, should stay at home for 5 days and limit social contact. Before returning, please let us know that they are well and have had a negative PCR test. We will then be able to give further advice such as daily LFT for eligible children and household members.

If anyone else in your house has any possible COVID-19 symptoms, they should isolate while awaiting their PCR results.

The school is following national and local advice on actions to take but is no longer responsible for identifying close contacts. Test and Trace will contact you directly to discuss your child's activities before the positive test and who needs to be contacted.

They will also let you know of any help and support available.

Pupils or staff who shared a class with your child do not need to be listed amongst the close contacts, but you should let Test and Trace know the names of anyone with whom your child had close social contact, for example their boyfriend or girlfriend, friends they have been with at parties or playdates, close friends they have spent lots of time with in and out of school and anyone they have shared a car with.

These contacts will not usually be required to isolate but may be advised to book a PCR test so that they, and their families are aware that they may become positive, even if they do not show symptoms and can make informed choices. In this way you will be helping to limit the spread of the virus.

Please note that we are unable to share with you any contact detail of staff or pupils.

Please pass on our best wishes to your child and let us know how they are progressing or if there is anything further we can do to support them or you.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Jones