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Dear Parents,

Covid-19 Cases

I understand that parents will be concerned about children catching Covid-19 in school. During these difficult times, it is natural that worried parents will ask questions about the school's procedures and policies and question how the school is keeping children, staff and families safe.

How many confirmed cases of Covid-19 are there in the school?

We currently have two pupils who are self-isolating because they have tested positive with a PCR test. One pupil is in Reception and the other is in Year 2. We also have one child and one member of staff who have tested positive on a lateral flow test and we are awaiting their PCR test results to confirm whether they have Covid-19.

If someone (pupil or adults) test positive on a lateral flow test – can they come into school?

No. We ask anyone who tests positive on a lateral flow test to have a PCR test. You can book a PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. They can return to school if the PCR test is negative. If it is positive they must inform NHS Test and follow the guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/positive-test-result/>.

If someone lives in a household with someone who tests positive – can they come into school?

The government guidance currently states:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

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

Children are therefore permitted to attend school if they live with someone who tests positive for Covid-19. However we are requesting that parents complete a PCR test on everyone in the household and await the results before children return to school.

What happens if my child has symptoms?

If a child has Covid symptoms, however mild, please book a PCR test and keep them at home until you have the results of the test. If the test is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free (without the support of paracetamol/Calpol) for at least 24 hours.

If the test is positive, your household must isolate for 10 days from the date symptoms started, unless any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)
- if symptoms develop, isolate and get tested

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

Yours sincerely

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