



17th January 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Warn and Inform – Reception

Assalamu alaikom.

I hope this email finds you in good health and strong Imaan.

I have just been informed that a pupil in Reception has tested positive for COVID-19.

The information below is from Manchester Public Health. **Please pay particular attention to the 'wider symptoms' section.**

We continue to be vigilant and pray that Allah swt protects everyone from harm and gives shifa to those affected.

Kind regards

Wasalaam,

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Head Teacher





In line with the national guidance, children aged under 18 years and 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your child and other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms.

Your child may have been in contact with the positive case. Children **over 5 years** who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, whilst continuing to attend school as long as they do not have symptoms. If an LFD test is positive, they must isolate as a new case.

From January 11th, a confirmatory PCR test is not required **unless a parent is applying for TTSP support.** Please register all test results at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

LFD test kits can be obtained from your local chemist, online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or call 119. If you have problems accessing LFD tests, please contact your school.

(If someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are advised to continue with contact or school LFD testing. This is a change to the previous position because we know people can be infected with Omicron even when they have had previous COVID-19 infection. Previously, we had evidence that people were likely to be immune for at least 90 days after infection, but we don't know whether this is the case with Omicron. With the removal of the requirement for self-isolation, we need another system to try to reduce transmission. Given that there is much less likelihood of false positives with LFDs when someone is no longer infectious, the balance of risks means that we need to implement this, even in the 90 days after previous infection).

Children who are aged **under 5 years** old who are identified as **close contacts** will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

Tests can be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or by calling 119.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and you should arrange a PCR test for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>.

If the test result is positive, your child will be required to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from the day that their symptoms started. Please inform us if your child has a positive test result.

From 17th January 2022, your child will have the option to **reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6** and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The **first test must be taken no earlier than day 5** of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.





An example and diagram explaining further please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If your child's test initial PCR result is negative, they can continue with their normal activities if they are well enough to do so.

Household contacts who are aged over 18 years and 6 months and not fully vaccinated, are legally required to self-isolate and should take a PCR test.

Household contacts who are,

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

Are NOT legally required to self-isolate, but are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days. Household contact must isolate if they develop symptoms and take a PCR test.

Household contacts who are aged under 5 years old not legally required to isolate but should take a PCR test.

Symptoms of COVID-19

If you or someone in your household develops symptoms of Covid-19, isolate and access a PCR test. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or;
- high temperature and/or;
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

However, people **frequently present with a wider range of symptoms**. If you or your child have wider symptoms, you can register for a PCR test online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and tick the box that says your local authority asked you to take a test. Or ring 119 and say the same thing to book a test.

Wider symptoms include:

- Blocked or runny nose
- Headache
- Fatigue, muscle or full body aches
- Sneezing
- Diarrhoea
- Sore throat
- Sickness or vomiting

If you or your child feel newly unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, then please access a PCR test. For many people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If in doubt take a test.





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 COVID-19:

- wear face coverings in crowd places, especially when you are indoors;
- if someone in your household test positive, it is encouraged that household contacts obtain a PCR test and test daily using LFD tests, unless exempt;
- 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;
- allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Test and Trace Support Payments

If a person is asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and is on a low income, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, they may be entitled to a payment of £500 from their local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. This now applies to parents/ carers who cannot work from home and will lose income by self-isolating or staying at home to care for the child.

Further details are available via: <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Further Information

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