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Dear Parents and Carers

As in almost every school nationally, we currently have a small number of students who have received a positive PCR test result. We would like to make you aware of this, but do not want you to be alarmed in any way. However, we want to reiterate the advice around how we should react to this.

Also, be assured that we will inform you if your child is in a class where there are several positive cases, so you can follow the guidance below.

Close Contacts

Guidance on Covid-19 control prioritises keeping children in school and states that all close contacts of cases need to book a PCR test immediately unless they have PCR tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days.

No school aged child needs to isolate if they are a close contact, but to have a PCR test, and then isolate if it returns positive.

Close contacts do not need to isolate while they wait for their PCR result. Only children who test positive need to self-isolate.

Children in the same class as someone who has tested positive do not need to self-isolate.

We wish to prevent the spread of Covid-19 as much as possible, therefore we encourage close contacts to take the PCR test and as many households as possible regularly take the home Lateral Flow Tests to prevent further spread in school.

The attached Contact Tracing Journey in Education and Childcare Settings helps to explain the process.

Displaying Symptoms

Please note, a lateral flow home test is not sufficient for individuals displaying symptoms and is appropriate for asymptomatic testing only. Should your child display symptoms, they will need to undertake a PCR COVID test and receive the result prior to returning to school. Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

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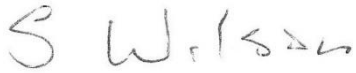


Hand Hygiene

Washing our hands is still an important way to limit the spread of many infections, including COVID-19. Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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