



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been a a number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 within the school community, and your child may have had contact with them during their infectious period.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of Covid - this is done by the national Test and Trace system. Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the cases to share with Test and Trace.


Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid 19 do not need to isolate, but contacts aged 5 and over are advised to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days, as they are at a higher risk of developing Covid 19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to isolate unless they have symptoms or test positive. If your child can't tolerate the daily LFT testing they can still come to school, but if you can manage it please do as it helps to keep our school community safe. Please follow any isolation and testing advice given by NHS Test and Trace, or the Hull City Council Public Health team if you or your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case of Covid.

Children aged under 5 are not asked to do daily LFTs if they are a contact of a case but please be extra vigilant for symptoms.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they test positive, develop symptoms of Covid 19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms but haven't had a positive LFT, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them. If they have a positive LFT, they no longer need to get a PCR test, but please register the LFT result on the NHS testing portal.

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The 3 main Covid symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 deg or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta and Omicron variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Your sincerely,

Mrs. L Windeler  
Deputy Head