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Dear parent/carers,

As you are aware, we have unfortunately needed to isolate our Year Three class as a result of a positive case of COVID identified via a lateral flow test.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person. The person who has tested positive has gone for a PCR test and we are waiting for the result of this. Should the PCR test come back negative, then your child will be able to return to school.

If the PCR test does return positive, then we will inform you via text. In line with the national guidance your child must stay at home and self-isolate until **23:59pm on Thursday 22nd July** (10 days after contact). The school year will have ended by this point.

All learning will be online as it has been previously and Miss Brinksman and Miss Ingham will ensure that details are posted as soon as possible regarding times of live sessions etc. Please ensure your child is online for the register each morning. Please just check your login works. If it does not, please contact the office on 01925 763427 so they can support you.

Any children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals will receive a food parcel from school as soon as the school kitchen can facilitate this. *If you do not wish to receive a food parcel, please could you let the office know as soon as possible.*

What to do now?

The advice now is that **all** people who have been in close contact with a positive case, even if asymptomatic, should go for a PCR test. This measure is to ensure that any additional cases can be identified, including when people have no symptoms. This will help to identify and isolate cases, prevent onward transmission and minimise the number of cases in Warrington. Please use the following link www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a PCR test.



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You will be asked if your child has COVID symptoms. If your child has no symptoms, you should select 'No' and proceed through the questions until you get to the question:

Why are you asking for a test? You should select the box that says – **I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional.**

The option then states: **My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.**

You will then be able to proceed to book the test.

If my child's PCR is negative, can they come back into school?

We have been asked by a number of parents this question and we have checked it with the Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline and we can confirm that the children must still isolate for the ten days even if they have a negative test.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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>

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community



If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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 ill with COVID-19

Do

- 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
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your child does need to isolate, it is unfortunate that they will miss the end of year festivities. Do not fear...we have a plan! Miss Brinksman is going to organise a virtual sports day on Friday. We had planned for an open air disco in school on the last day so she will be organising that virtually too and being a dance teacher, I am sure she will teach the children all her moves. There may also be a surprise visit at some point in the day!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway



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