



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 14th March

Dear Parents and Carers

Cases of Covid-19 in St Matthew's

Whilst we are no longer required to contact trace for cases of COVID in school, I wanted to make you aware that there have been several cases of COVID develop across the school over the last week, especially in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.

To help reduce the spread of COVID within school, I would ask that, wherever possible, children in these year groups take regular NHS rapid lateral flow tests over the next week and that all parents and carers remain symptom-aware.

Under 5s do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.

If your child has a positive LFD test, they should self-isolate and you must notify the school at the earliest opportunity.

If you have a positive LFD test, you may not need to follow this up with a confirmatory PCR any longer. You need to report your result at [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result).

It may be possible to end self-isolation on day 6, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart (from day 5 and day 6 of the isolation period). The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth full day following the positive LFD. If either of the LFD tests taken on day 5 or 6 are positive, or your child has a high temperature, they should continue to isolate until they have 2 consecutive negative LFD results or 10 days (whichever is sooner). If you are unable to obtain LFD tests, then the full 10-day isolation should be completed.

What should I do if my child develops symptoms of Covid-19?

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should isolate immediately 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.

Please visit the link to Public Health England's guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infections: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What are the Symptoms of COVID-19?

For many people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. 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. Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Many thanks for your ongoing support in keeping our staff, pupils, families, and community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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