

All Saints Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

If a child in your class has tested positive for COVID 19.

As your child is in this class we recommend that you take them to have a **PCR test**, in order to try and reduce the spread of the virus. They do not need to miss any school time before or after taking the test.

Please inform us of the result as soon as you have it whether it is positive or negative.

NHS Test and Trace may also contact you if they identify your child as a close contact.

School remains open and if your child is well and has no COVID-19 symptoms they do not need to self-isolate and should continue to attend school whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test.

If the result is positive, they should follow the self-isolation guidance available at: • www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment

If your child has had COVID within the last 90 days, they do not need to be re-tested and should continue to attend school unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms. Children under 4 do not need to take a PCR test unless they have symptoms.

Thank you very much for your support. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office on 01530 832608 or via <u>office@allsaints-coalville.leics.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

Headteacher









If you become aware that your child is a close contact of a positive case, please follow the guidance here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-contact-with-someone-who-has-tested-positive-for-covid-19-but-i-have-not-been-notified-and-advised-to-self-isolate-what-should-i-do</u>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

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

If the child has a positive test result but do not have <u>symptoms</u>, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

Further information can be found here: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/</u>.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for <u>COVID-19</u> and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Instructions for household contacts who are not required to self-isolate from 16 August

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the <u>guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread</u>. As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering for those aged 11 and over in crowded places such as school/college/public transport
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in <u>regular LFD testing</u>

You should follow this advice while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

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

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated everyone aged 18 and over can <u>book COVID-19 vaccination appointments</u> now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day

- 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
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people particularly indoors
 or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results</u>

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