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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 cases at Fairfield Primary School

I am writing to you in relation to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Cumbria County Council's Public Health team has been working with Fairfield Primary School to provide advice and support in relation to the positive COVID-19 cases at the setting.

The school is following all the public health advice and guidance and working hard to keep your children engaged in face to face learning. The number of cases in the setting have risen sharply over the last few days.

Therefore, for outbreak management purposes, I am now recommending that all those pupils in Fairfield Primary School who have at least one member of their household who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days should be tested as a precaution (if your child has already been tested they do not need to be tested again. If your child has received a positive PCR test result themselves in the past 90 days, they do not need to be tested again, unless they develop symptoms).

Additionally, if your child displays any of the classic 3 symptoms, new and continuous cough, temperature (37.8 or above) or loss of taste and smell they should arrange to be tested and follow the 'Stay at Home' guidance.

Parents and carers of school age children are now able to access twice weekly rapid testing at home. Kits can be ordered online or collected from one of the identified collection points [here](#). We would encourage families to access this to further help reduce the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

How do I arrange testing for my child?

Testing can be arranged via the national portal: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The school can help you with arranging testing if you do not have internet access.

When booking online, if your child does not have any symptoms, or has symptoms that is not one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms, tick the option described below:

- Why are you asking for a test? - tick the option that says 'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'

Please let the school know the outcome of any test.

If the test result comes back **negative**, they can return to school.

If your child's test result comes back **positive**, they will need to start a 10 day isolation period from the date of their test. Follow the Government Guidance: [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

I understand that this can be an anxious time, but I can confirm that the school is following all the correct public health advice and that everyone is working very hard to manage the situation.

Also, now we are seeing more cases of COVID-19 in schools across Cumbria, it is important that we all continue to follow the advice to protect ourselves and others against COVID-19, including:

- Wherever possible, maintain 2 metres distance from people outside your household
- Wash your hands regularly
- Use face coverings where appropriate
- Stay at home when advised to do so (especially if you test positive or are told to stay at home because you are a close contact).

Thank you for your support in helping to control the spread of COVID-19.

Yours Sincerely,



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