

Notification



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Dear Parents,

As promised, I am writing to notify you that 1 pupil has been confirmed as testing positive by PCR test and 1 pupil is awaiting confirmation by PCR test. We have been notified of these results this morning and have responded as swiftly as possible. We have followed the national guidance and thoroughly risk assessed with Public Health. About one quarter of pupils in Year 8 have been identified as close contacts. As this isolation has started BEFORE Monday 19th July, I'm sorry to report that Public Health have confirmed we have to follow the CURRENT isolation guidance. Close contacts are also advised by Public Health to arrange for a PCR test. However, negative results DO NOT end the requirement to isolate.

The close contacts of the confirmed case must isolate at home and can return to school on Friday 23rd July. Sadly, these pupils will miss the Presentation Afternoon and the Thorpe Park trip. Thorpe Park are unable to refund the cost of the trip. If you are in need of the funds returning, please contact the academy so we can try to help.

The close contacts of the unconfirmed case must isolate until either a negative result releases them or a positive result would mean they isolate until Sunday 25th July, meaning they can not return this term. If a positive is confirmed, sadly, these pupils will miss the Presentation Afternoon and the Thorpe Park trip. Thorpe Park are unable to refund the cost of the trip. If you are in need of the funds returning, please contact the academy so we can try to help.

The parents of those requiring isolation have all been contacted and so this letter is to reassure you that if you have not received our phone call, there is no need to isolate your child and pupils must continue to attend school.

If your child is one of the small number now required to isolate at home and you require support for them to access IT or Free School Meal support, please contact reception or the academy email. Work will be set via their Google Classrooms. We will investigate whether there are ways to join the presentation event virtually.

Whilst I fully understand this may cause anxiety amongst the academy community, I can assure you all necessary steps are being taken to minimise risk to others. Our procedures have been shared with Public Health Somerset as part of the rapid risk assessment that schools undertake.

Lateral Flow Tests – Years 7 & 8

Could I please also take this opportunity to remind you that every pupil in Years 7 and 8 should be taking a lateral flow test, twice a week in order to keep themselves, you and the rest of our community as safe from transmission as possible. I receive weekly figures on the results that have been reported on the NHS recording site for our academy and I'm sad to have to report that the number has worryingly decreased more recently. **PLEASE** consider getting back into the habit of doing these **before leaving for school** on Mondays and Thursdays. This could make a huge difference to keeping us all in school and learning – Thank you.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation at this time.

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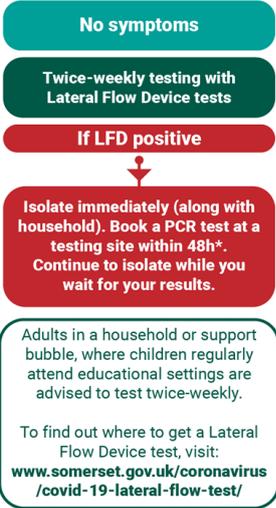


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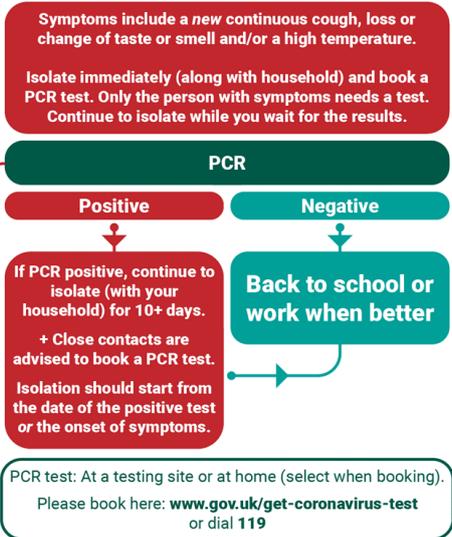
EYFS (Reception) - Year 6 Covid-19 testing



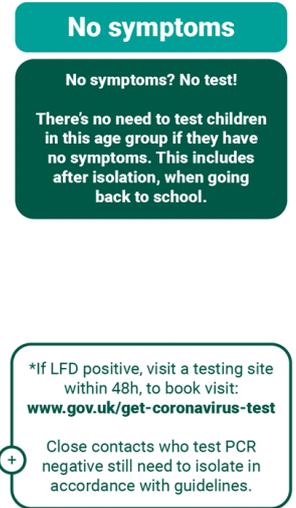
School staff and parents/carers



Anyone with symptoms



Primary aged children (Reception to year 6)



Please do not forget to record positive and negative results on the government website as instructed, as well as informing your school
For guidance on self-isolation, please visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

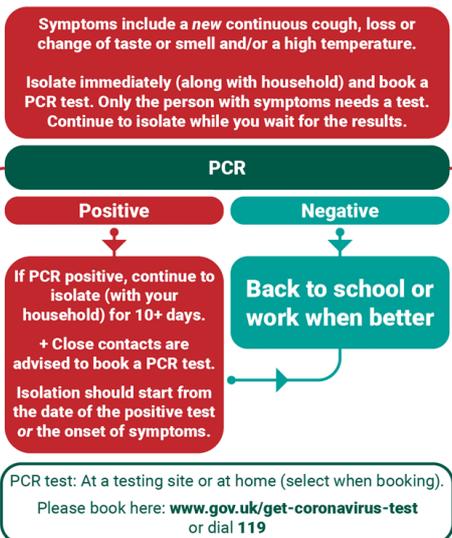
Secondary school, college and further education Covid-19 testing



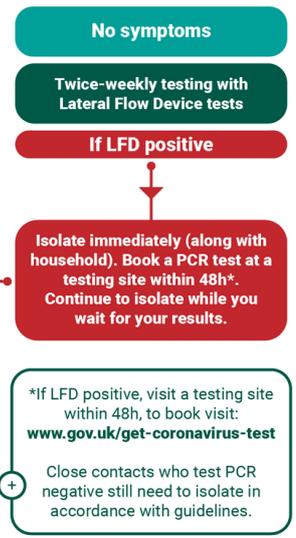
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Students



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Somerset's Local Authorities

Coronavirus support helpline

0300 790 6275

Available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week

A single number is now available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus related support from Somerset's Local Authorities. Anyone who can't find help within their community can use the helpline to get help and advice surrounding:

- Emotional support if you're feeling worried or anxious
- Financial support
- Personal care and support including food and delivery of prescriptions
- Housing and support for the homeless
- Social Care or Medical transport needs
- Waste collection and disposal
- Employment, skills and business advice

