



17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Ash class.

As with positive cases in other settings, and in line with national guidance, NHS Test and Trace will work with the individuals who have tested positive to identify close contacts. If your child is advised to take a PCR test by the NHS, we would strongly encourage that they do so as this will help prevent further transmission.

Given the nature of the reception provision all pupils are considered to be close contacts. Current guidance is for close contacts aged 5 or over to take part in daily LFD testing for 7 full days since the last contact with the confirmed case (Friday 14<sup>th</sup>). The date of last contact with a confirmed case is day zero.

If a child returns a positive LFD test and has no symptoms, they need to isolate immediately and follow the current guidance but do not need a confirmatory PCR test. If a child has symptoms please book a PCR test and isolate until the result is received. If the result is negative and the child is well, they may return to school. If the result is positive, please follow the current isolation guidance. PCR tests can be booked by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling NHS 119.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

If a pupil is part of a household with a positive Covid case, it is necessary for us to ensure our pupils and staff members are not put at unnecessary risk and so we require all parents to alert us in these circumstances. I am sure we can all agree that it is important for us to know this information in order that we can ensure necessary steps are taken in school to protect our vulnerable and unvaccinated pupils and staff.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school safe.

Yours sincerely,

