



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

One of the Seaton Valley Federation of Schools

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Advice to all 5N Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you previously to inform you that there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 within your child's class. Seaton Sluice Middle School is following national government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus in school.

Following advice from Northumberland County Council we have implemented further control measures to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. However, there have been additional cases within 5N. Northumberland County Council's Public Health Team has recommended that all children in 5N arrange a PCR test. This is a precautionary measure which will allow us to detect further cases in school and reduce possible transmission.

PCR tests can be booked through:

- the national website - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- or by calling 119.

You will be asked why you are booking a test and should respond that you have been advised to do so by your local council, even though your child does not have symptoms.

The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Your child should continue to come to school while waiting for the result of their PCR test. If your child has a positive PCR result, they will need to follow self-isolation advice given by NHS Test and Trace. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at a later date they should self-isolate and arrange a PCR test.

There is strong evidence that children and young people have much lower rates of hospitalisation, severe disease, and death than all other age groups. However, there are significant harms associated with interrupted education, particularly for those who are more vulnerable. Therefore, it is important that all children continue to attend school for their educational progress, for their wellbeing and for their wider development.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

John Barnes
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