

Close contact letter – 9th June 2021.

Dear Parent / Carer ,

Your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive **PCR test** meaning that your child must isolate for 10 days.

**The isolation period is currently the 9TH JUNE 2021 until the *Friday 18th June 2021.*
*The children can return to school on Monday 21st June 2021.***

The rest of your household do not also need to isolate with your child, unless you yourselves are showing COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive, or are a contact of a positive case.

At the end of the isolation period your child may return to the school / setting if they are feeling well, not showing symptoms, have not tested positive in previous 10 days, and no one in the home has tested positive in the last 10 days.

Please note, that while COVID-19 usually presents with a new or worsening cough, high temperature and loss or change in taste or smell. COVID-19 can present as cold symptoms such as sore throat, severe fatigue/ feeling unwell for no obvious reason, poorly tummy, severe headache, and muscle aches. Whilst your child is isolating, if they or members of your household become unwell, although it may be a seasonal cold, please consider this could be COVID-19 and PCR test whilst they are isolating. It must be a PCR test as those self-isolating should not attend LFT test centres. We would prefer PCR than home test kits also as these are more accurate when there are some signs of illness (You can book online or with 119 by stating you do not have top three symptoms but "Public Health has requested you book a test", you **are** permitted to have a test without symptoms, the household legally do not need to isolate).

If you or your child have not yet been carrying out LFD (Lateral Flow Device) home-testing, please take this opportunity to order home test kits which can be used twice a week and reordered weekly. These can be collected locally (although collection sites are still being developed) or delivered to your home by royal mail, usually within 24hrs. We would recommend all families with a child isolating should undertake this twice weekly. All secondary age children will be supported to test at home twice weekly and we support families of primary age children and secondary age children to do the same.

These can be ordered from this website. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Pupils should continue to LFD test while they are isolating, and test on the morning of their return to the school-setting.

What to do if your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 or has a positive LFD home-test.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell.

Please remember and reassure your child that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

If you or your child shows top three COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive LFD home-test:

- **do not come to the setting/school**
- inform the setting of the situation
- self-isolate with your household for a new 10-day period from the date of the start of symptoms or the positive test, whichever was first
- book a PCR test immediately

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

If your child is unwell with lesser symptoms as mentioned above, please keep your child off school while they are unwell (this was guidance before COVID-19). We would also rather your child PCR test instead of LFT test to ensure that it is not COVID-19. Your household do not need to isolate whilst this is undertaken.

ALL positive **at-home** LFD tests require a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, all household members and close contacts will be able to return to usual activity immediately.

We will contact you again if your child may return to school before the above date.

Remote learning will begin Thursday 10th June 2021 through e-schools. If you need support logging in and finding the right information again then please contact the office via email admin2056@welearn365.com or telephone 01926 290330 and we will endeavor to support you.

Kind regards,



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