



19th March 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Warn and Inform

We have been advised by Wigan Council's Public Health Team that there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst Hindley based staff.

The school has asked the confirmed cases to follow the UKHSA guidance found at: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts). As a result, we have asked the confirmed case not to attend school whilst they are infectious.

In line with the national guidance, close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are no longer required to LFD test whilst continuing to attend school. Government guidance for alternative provision settings is that learners and staff should be testing twice a week. Testing of asymptomatic cases can help identify cases of COVID-19 in our school earlier and help reduce transmission. You may therefore want to consider your child taking a LFD test if possible. LFD test kits will continue to be made available to the public for free until the end of March 2022, via your local chemist or online at: [Rapid lateral flow coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/rapid-lateral-flow-tests/). You can also get them from school.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, there is no longer a legal requirement to self isolate, however if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperate
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 they are advised to stay at home and [order a PCR](#) test.

If your child is symptomatic or is confirmed positive, we will then ask them not to attend school in line with UKHSA guidance.

Please inform us if your child has a positive test result.

If your child arrives at school with symptoms we will send them home to get an LFD test.

The current UKHSA guidance states that children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take a LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they do not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

For further information, please visit: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts)

The health and safety of the staff, children and their families are of paramount importance and we must continue to insist that Government advice is followed, just as we do in relation to all infectious diseases.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone safe and the school operational.

Yours sincerely

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