



## Taddington & Priestcliffe C of E Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been made aware that a member of teaching staff in Tigers has tested positive for COVID-19. There have also been additional cases in Leopards class.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and the Derbyshire County Council Public Health Team. Should we reach a certain threshold (*positive cases equal to 10% of the school*) we will initiate our outbreak management plan. If this becomes necessary, I will inform parents of the measures that we will introduce. An indication of such measures can be found on our outbreak management plan, [accessed by clicking here](#).

We have been advised that no further restrictions or measures are required at this point and that school remains open for all children. NHS test and trace will contact children and families who have been in close contact with the positive cases should they deem this necessary.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide information, which we request you to follow. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child, if they are not affected by COVID and remain well, should continue to attend as normal.

As a result of the positive COVID case, to help reduce transmission of the virus, **we advise that you should arrange for your child to take a Lateral Flow test.**

This is important even if your child does not have symptoms. If they do have symptoms, the guidance from the Department for Education advises that you should arrange a PCR test for your child.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test, if your child has previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.



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**We would like to remind you of the things you can do to keep your family and others as safe as possible.**

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now, 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination and it has recently been announced that 12-15 year olds will also be offered 1 dose of the vaccination.
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- take part in regular LFD testing, if aged 11 or over

### **If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19**

- Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in enclosed spaces
- Stay away from people who are clinically vulnerable as much as possible
- Limit contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable

### **If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms**

- The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are: New continuous cough and/or High temperature and/or Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell.
- Anyone with any of these symptoms should stay at home and arrange a PCR test. Your child should not come to school if they are unwell.

If the test result is positive, the person must self-isolate for 10 days. Follow the Stay at Home guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19.



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You may 'test to release', this means that on day 5 and on day 6 should you test negative on a LFD test, you may exit self isolation and return to school on day 7 after the initial positive test.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

It is essential **that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days** and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.

For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.

**If you are unable to carry out LFD testing with your child they will need to isolate for the full 10 days.**

### Further Information

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

Should you need further clarification as to when your child should return to school if they have tested positive, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr J Handley  
Executive Headteacher