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### **Report of a Covid Outbreak**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware there have been cases of COVID-19 reported by parents/carers of pupils in Year 4. This means all the children and staff working in this cohort are considered close contacts.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Providing your child remains well, and has not tested positive, they can continue to attend the setting as normal. We will keep this under review and will currently be reverting back to a bubble for breaktimes and lunchtimes.

#### **Children Identified as Contacts:**

Although your child can continue to attend school, they should complete daily LFD tests for the next 7 days, with outcomes reported via the following NHS email address:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

It is very important that **formal confirmation of a positive Lateral Flow Test result is shared directly with school**. This is straightforward to do, either by forwarding to the school office a copy of the NHS confirmation email or text message. A verbal message / email to the office or photograph of the test strip is not sufficient evidence on its own, as the school needs to share information with LORT in order to accurately judge when a cohort reaches outbreak threshold and needs to strengthen protection measures in school.

#### **Additional Advice from Public Health:**

Due to there being cases in your child's class we advise that you consider taking additional precautions to limit the spread of infection by reducing their contacts with others outside the school/ the settings, avoiding close contact with those who may be clinically vulnerable.

#### **Children who are symptomatic:**

If your child has any of the three identified symptoms of Covid-19 please keep your child at home and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you are concerned that you may have symptoms of COVID-19, or you live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, follow the [Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19](#).

### **Rapid Testing (Lateral Flow Test):**

If your child has taken an LFD Test and they receive a negative LFD result they can attend school as usual. If the LFD test result is positive, your child should self-isolate immediately at home for 7 days, with confirmation of a negative result at the end of the isolation period.

There are still simple things we can all continue do to reduce the risk of spreading the virus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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

There continues to be additional support for those self-isolating or vulnerable as a result of COVID-19 can be accessed through Here2Help:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> or 01905 768053 then press option 3. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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