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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Advice for parents of children who are considered close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Year 1. I am writing to let you know that your child may have been in close contact with the affected case. In line with the latest guidance it is **recommended that your child has a PCR test** (if they have not tested positive in the last 90 days). This can be booked online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please be aware that due to the timing of this case parents and carers helping on the Harvest visit to church on Thursday 14th October are NOT considered close contacts.

Your child, and other members of your household can **continue normal activities, including attending school**, provided your child (or anyone else in the household) does not develop symptoms whilst awaiting the PCR result.

In addition to the PCR test, the current advice **recommends that children and parents undertake lateral flow tests twice weekly** (unless they have tested positive in the last 90 days). For information regarding access to lateral flow tests see:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Should the PCR (or any lateral flow testing) yield a positive result please contact the school as soon as possible and follow national guidance:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact Warwickshire County Council - 0800 408 1447.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. This should be a test taken at an NHS site (PCR test) and NOT a rapid test taken at a community testing site (LFT test). At that time,

household members who are over 18 years and 6 months and not fully vaccinated, must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or online:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Further information

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

In line with the guidance provided school is open as normal. If your child needs to miss school in order to take a PCR test please let us know by phone between 8am and 4pm weekdays or out of hours by email. The school does not need to know about any negative results but please contact us as soon as possible if your child tests positive. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Please be reassured that the school works very closely with the Local Authority to follow the latest guidance and I have also had a phone consultation with DfE/Public Health England regarding this case.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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