



WALSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school setting. We appreciate that you may find this concerning so we are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

What are we already doing?

Pupils and staff who have tested positive are isolating. The pupils and staff who are identified as contacts of the confirmed cases will have guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

Those aged five and above will be advised to take daily LFD tests before attending school for a period of 7 days. Outbreak control measures are also in place within the school and being kept under review.

If your child is well

The school remains open. If your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal.

If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace, then we would advise they undertake daily LFD tests for a period of 7 days. This advice applies to children aged 5 and over.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119) and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

- If negative, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;
- If positive, the child should isolate as a positive case (see below)

People who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home until they are well (48 hours fever free) and *either*:

- a) 10 full days have passed, or
- b) They have produced two negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 5.

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You can seek advice on COVID-19 symptoms from the [nhs.uk website](https://www.nhs.uk). If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111

Response in School

In response to the confirmed positive cases in our setting, we are ensuring that the enhanced hygiene measures in place are strictly adhered to. This includes all rooms being well ventilated and ensuring that hand washing happens thoroughly and regularly.

If we have any concerns that your child may have a recognised COVID symptom, we will get in touch and ask that they access a LFD test.

For the remainder of this week, only essential visitors will have access to the school site. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office or speak with us at the gate.

Due to the roles of the staff who are absent from school, there will only be school packed lunches available to order for lunch for the remainder of the week and there will be no crossing patrol service so please support your children crossing the road if appropriate.

I have liaised with the Department for Education COVID-19 helpline on this matter and the East of England Local Health Protection Team have been made aware of the situation and will advise us if any further actions are required.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the hard work and dedication of our staff team who are all working together to keep the school running safely during this challenging time.

If there are further actions that need to be taken by the school I will, of course, let you know. Your support and understanding at this time is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards and best wishes,



Mr Snowdon
Executive Headteacher