25th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We currently have a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 across school.

It is important that all parents follow these procedures:

* **If your child has symptoms, arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. This can be arranged via the NHS Covid-19 App, by ringing 119 or online. You must state that you have been advised to book the test by Public Health. This is the advice of the Director of Public Health in Doncaster.**
* **If you cannot travel to a test site we have some PCR tests in school which can be provided.**

* **If your child shows symptoms in school, you will be contacted to collect them from the school office.**
* **To help us manage Covid within our school, we ask that you collect all your children from school when asked to do so and then to arrange a PCR test for your child and all household members, including siblings.**
* **If any member of your household tests positive all your children should stay at home until they have received a negative PCR test result. This should be done 3-5 days after the household member tested positive.**
* **If your child is unwell, they should self-isolate until they receive their result.**
* **We have noticed that a large number of the children have coughs, colds and sore throats and in these circumstances, these children should stay at home while awaiting the result.**
* **Please email the school at** **admin@lakeside.doncaster.sch.uk** **with the confirmation of the test result outcome as soon as possible.**

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

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.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19**

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#symptoms), they should stay at home and self-isolate for **10 days** from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

Yours sincerely,

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