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Dear Parents and Carers,

Advice to all parents – new Covid-19 Cases in Reception, Y3 and Y6

Since my previous letter, dated 26th January, we have been advised by parents that there have been 3 new confirmed cases of COVID-19. These cases are in the following classes: Blue, 3G and 6M. We have reported these cases to the Local Authority. This brings our total number of positive pupil cases this term to 101.

We know that you may find this concerning, but 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. The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage you to test your child for Covid-19 in order to ascertain whether they have contracted Covid-19 and reduce the spread of the 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 for the recommended period of 5 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 does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and follow the [self-isolation guidance](#). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

What is the latest advice for the contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If someone is identified as a contact of a person who has had a positive test result for COVID-19, then they must stay at home and self-isolate unless they meet one of the following conditions:

- Are fully vaccinated¹
- Are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- Have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- Are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

¹ Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

However, if they live with or are contact of someone who has been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, then the above conditions do not apply, and they must stay at home and self-isolate (even if they are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months). For more information on this, please see the latest guidance (links below)

[Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. 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.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated and have a booster
- 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
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Further Information

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

Yours sincerely

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