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Advice to parents in Reception - warn and inform letter

We are writing to inform you that the school has had a few positive COVID-19 cases in the Reception classes. We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation.

The school and class remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All pupils and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household. Whilst we are not linked to track and trace, it is worth mentioning that you may want to consider your child who is in Reception class, taking daily lateral flow tests for the next week if they are 5 years old (it is not recommended for below 5's).

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

The main 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). However, the current variant can present as different symptoms such as a cold, a sore throat or even a stomach upset, therefore if they are unwell at all, we recommend staying off school and getting a test.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test via Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119 and remain at home at least until the result is known. If the test is positive, follow the self-isolation guidance from NHS Test and Trace and inform the school/nursery of the result.

More information on symptoms is available: <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.

If your child has a positive LFD test please report this test at <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results> and also let the school know. They should isolate and follow the guidance COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). A confirmatory PCR test is not required.

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): guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread:



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- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over are eligible – see Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk) for more details and how to book.
- 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 and 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 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>

At school, we will continue our enhanced cleaning and all the other measures we have in place. Please note, we have not had an outbreak in the class or indeed the school, this is just a warn and inform letter as a precaution only so you can be extra vigilant and get your child tested should they feel ill at all.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AERogers". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large 'A' and 'R'.

Mrs Amy Rogers
Principal