

Advice to Parents of Educational/ Early Years Settings –

Contact of a positive case

Dear Parents,

We have been advised that your child has been identified as a contact of a positive case of COVID-19 within the school / setting. We strongly advise accessing a PCR test for your child as soon as possible and carefully follow the guidance on [how to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19](#). If your child has had a **positive PCR** test in the last **90 days** they **do not** need to go for another but it is important to be extra vigilant and, should they develop any of the three main symptoms (dry cough, high temperature or change in sense of taste or smell), they will need to get another PCR test.

To book a PCR test please go to: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

However, Children aged 5 and under are not be advised to take a test unless they are a contact of positive case within their own household, or they develop symptoms.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. 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.

The school remains open and **providing your child remains well** they can continue to attend the setting as normal whilst they are awaiting the result of their PCR test.

We would suggest that you consider taking additional precautions to limit the spread of infection by reducing their contacts with others outside the school/ the settings, avoiding close contact with those who may be clinically vulnerable.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 please keep your child at home and book a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 they must self-isolate and follow the [Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19](#).

There are still simple things we can all continue do to reduce the risk of spreading the virus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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

There continues to be additional support for those self-isolating or vulnerable as a result of COVID-19 can be accessed through Here2Help:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> or 01905 768053 then press option 3. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

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