

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that today we have been involved in a meeting with the **Local Authority** and **Public Health England** regarding the **rising cases** of COVID, particularly within **Year 1** and **Year 3**.

We were able to present a detailed log of all precautions that are in place in school linked to our Risk Assessment and the panel were happy with all that had been put in place to date.

Following our discussions, the following additional measures are now to be put in place:

Advice on using LFD tests in children over 7 years old has changed.

There is now a **strong recommendation** that **all pupils aged 7 years and above** undertake a daily lateral flow test, even if they are not showing any symptoms. It is recommended that children between the ages of 7 and 11 use the nasal only LFD test, to reduce the risk of potential damage to the soft palate of the mouth.

You can also **order LFD test kits** online by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or **collect them from your nearest pharmacy** using one of the collect codes which can be downloaded from <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits>.

Please see the list attached to this letter of places where you can collect LFD test kits.

If children have a negative LFD, they may attend school as usual. **If the LFD is positive they must remain at home (isolating) and get a PCR test within 2 days of testing positive.**

If the PCR test is negative, they may continue to attend school as normal but if is positive they should isolate for 10 days.

If a child tests positive, we are asking all close and household contacts to take a PCR test too, in order to reduce the transmission risk of Covid-19. This is the official advice from the Local Authority and Public Health England.

A PCR test can be booked by visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by phoning 119.

Should your child develop symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), please follow the stay at home guidance and let us know as soon as possible, via the school office on 01733 563688 or email [reception@allsaints.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:reception@allsaints.peterborough.sch.uk).

**These COVID testing measures will ensure that as much asymptomatic infection as possible is picked up and will help our school to continue to operate at full capacity and minimise the spread of infection through the school and wider community.**



**When a parent phones to inform the office of a child's sickness, a member of office staff will ask parents if an LFD test has been done. If it is negative the child can return to school when well, providing LFD tests remain negative. If it is positive the child must isolate and get a PCR test.**

Additional measures now mandated:

- We will be separating Year 1 and Year 3 from shared play spaces, with immediate effect, during lunchtimes and break times.
- Year 1 and Year 3 will be returning to eating their lunches in their classroom- rather than in the school hall.
- These measures will also be introduced for other year groups if cases increase.
- We are increasing toilet cleaning regimes, so that toilets will be cleaned midday as well as at the end of the school day.
- More frequent touchpoint cleaning. (door handles, surfaces which are touched more frequently during the school day)

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school safe. We hope that all these additional measures will help to contain the virus and not impact the children's learning for any longer than necessary.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and diligence in this important matter.

Kind regards, as always

Mr D. Roberts  
Acting Head Teacher