



Dear Parents/Carers

We have been notified over the weekend that there have been several confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community. In particular Year 5 and Year 3 have reported several cases over the last 24-48 hours. We are unable to seek advice from public health until the morning however we felt it important to inform you and remind you of the following guidance:

Your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your household, your child should stay home and test as advised.

NHS Test and Trace continue to manage the close contact tracing and will be in contact if your child has been identified as a close contact. If you think your child is a close contact but has not have not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace please follow the guidance:

I think I have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, but I have not been notified and advised to self-isolate. What should I do?

Contacts who need to self-isolate will usually be notified and advised to do so by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app. If you believe that you are a contact of someone with COVID-19 but have not yet been notified by NHS Test and Trace, you should carefully follow the guidance on [how to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19](#). **In this circumstance you can arrange to take a PCR test, even if you do not have symptoms, because you may be at higher risk of being infected.**

If you are concerned that you may have symptoms of COVID-19, or you live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, follow the [Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19](#).

We encourage household members to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

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

Please remain vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19. 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 your child develops symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home 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 started. If the child has a positive test result but do not have [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. Tests can be ordered or booked here: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

Richmond Hill will continue to have a range of safety measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus, once further advice is received from public health tomorrow we will adhere to any further measures required.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated

Yours Sincerely

Principal