



Monday 6th December 2021

Dear parent/ carer,

I am writing to update you on the current situation at Highampton Primary in relation to Coronavirus. We have another 4 confirmed positive cases among pupils at school, in both classes. The pupils have had a positive PCR test and has been instructed to isolate for 10 days.

In accordance with our updated Covid-19 risk assessment and contingency plan -

We will contact you if your child appears unwell and should they display any symptoms of C-19, we advise you to get them a PCR test. This can be done easily at a drive through centre and is booked on the NHS website - [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If a student or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19

- This is when an individual has had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test or a positive PCR test (note all positive LFD tests must be confirmed by a PCR test).
- In these circumstances, the individual should follow current public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#)
- Individuals with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#) and get a PCR test to confirm.
- **Parents/carers should notify the school of a student's absence in such circumstances, which will be recorded as 'circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19)' until the result of the PCR test is known. Pupil absence will be authorized as illness related to Covid-19.**
- **Individuals living in the same household as the person who have tested positive will not be required to self-isolate if they are: fully vaccinated (i.e., 'double-jabbed'), or below the age of 18 years and 6 months**, or have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, or are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons. Instead, they can continue to attend school and will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#).
- We will provide remote learning for any student required to self-isolate as a result of a positive PCR test.

We will continue to review our procedure and take advice from the Trust, NHS and Public Health Devon. I will communicate fully, and as swiftly as practicably possible with parents, carers and pupils, through Principal's 'update' letters sent via email through School Comms.

Please be reassured that we want to keep everyone as safe as possible in the current climate and if you have any questions regarding our approach to the response to Covid 19 cases, please call the school to speak to myself or your class teacher.

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support in this matter.

Kind regards,