

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Reach for the Stars

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Warn and Inform Letter Second Positive COVID19 Case

Unfortunately we have had another confirmed COVID19 positive case in Class 2. The child tested positive on Monday after not being in school since Friday. The two cases are possibly not related and infection is thought to have come from other contacts, however everyone in Class 2 would be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible please. If symptoms are observed in your child please keep them off, test them and if negative they may return to school.

PCR testing

Household Contacts

All household contacts of a confirmed case (PCR positive) should undertake a PCR test, with or without symptoms, and remain home until a negative PCR is returned. This means that pupils who have a household contact who is a confirmed case (PCR positive) should be recommended to take a PCR test and **not attend school** while awaiting the result. If the PCR result is negative, then pupils should be recommended to have a **further PCR test after 4 or 5 days as a precaution**. They can continue to attend the setting when waiting on the second PCR result.

Close Contacts (all children in Class 2)

All close contacts of confirmed cases (PCR positive) are also recommended to take a PCR test but unless they have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 or any of the precautionary symptoms, they can continue to attend the setting when waiting on results of the PCR test. It is again recommended that they have a **further PCR test after 4 or 5 days as a precaution**.

Symptoms (even minor symptoms)

Anyone with the 3 main symptoms or the precautionary symptoms * (even if they are not a close contact of a confirmed case) are recommended to get a PCR test and **only return to school after a negative result**. They should also consider contacting 111 for medical advice if required because these symptoms are not unique to COVID-19.

*With cases still high in Shropshire, it is vitally important to get a PCR test if you have **any symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild**.



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Symptoms include:

- *Fever or chills
- *Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- *Headache
- *New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you have any questions about the above information, please do get in touch. Please note we do not currently have an outbreak and have not met thresholds to put other measures in place but increased vigilance from everyone will hopefully help this continue.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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