

# Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Warn and Inform Letter Positive COVID19 Cases

Unfortunately we now have eighteen confirmed COVID19 cases across the school. It is imperative that all staff and pupils book a PCR test and another 4/5 days later in accordance with guidance below for close contacts. If you have done one in the last two days please do another one within the 4/5 days recommended, only do another within that time if any symptoms arise. Even if you have had COVID before if you show symptoms you should test because you could have it again.

Please can everyone keep a close eye on the health of their children and families and follow advice if symptoms are observed, staying at home and testing everyone in the household using PCR tests.

### 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 (contacted pupils from the trip and in class)**

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 (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.

#### **The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 are:**

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste / smell



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Those infected with the current main COVID-19 variant, especially children, do not always show the typical COVID symptoms listed above. Anyone with any of the following **precautionary symptoms** associated with COVID-19 are recommended to have a PCR test and in light of the current high infection rate in Shropshire **be advised to remain at home until a negative result is obtained.**

**Precautionary symptoms may include:**

- Headaches
- Aches & pains
- Feeling tired without any good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache in children
- Sore and irritated eyes.

\*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.**

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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