

Sunday 17th October 2021

Advice for you following close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception children,

Isolation advice

Following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Reception, we have undertaken a risk assessment and have identified that your child has likely been in close contact with the case during a time when they would have been infectious to others.

In line with the national guidance, you now need to take the following action:

As your child is aged 18 years 6 months or under: They **do not** need to self-isolate, but you should [book a PCR test online](#) or by calling 119. If the test is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days and you will be provided with advice by NHS Test and Trace. They do not need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the result and can attend school if they are well.

As people identified as close contacts are still at risk of being infected, they are advised to consider other precautions such as wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces, and limit contact with other people, especially with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

[Read further guidance for close contacts here.](#)

If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate and book a test (even if you have already taken a test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

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



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Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided they do not develop symptoms or test positive.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

Yours sincerely,

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