

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Positive Covid Case in Chestnut Class

I am writing to make you aware that a staff member who was in Chestnut Class yesterday, has received a positive covid test. There is no need for your child to isolate as a result of this potential contact, however we do like to ensure that you are aware of positive cases in order to allow you to be extra vigilant.

Government advice is that known close contacts of a positive case, aged 5 and over, should test themselves using lateral flow devices daily for seven days. While we cannot insist upon this, we would encourage you to do so, given that many of the cases we have seen in children do not present with the typical symptoms which allow the virus to be easily identifiable. For under 5s, there is no requirement, but you may choose to do the same for peace of mind.

Please remember that:

- If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test. They should then remain in isolation while awaiting the result.
- Typical symptoms of coronavirus are – a new continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell or a high temperature. In the event of any one of these symptoms, please take the above actions. Symptoms of the newer Omicron variant have been reported to differ in many cases, so please be vigilant for general signs of illness.
- If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test during a routine check, the requirement to confirm this with a PCR has now been removed. They should isolate immediately.
- The isolation period, from either PCR or LFD positive test results, is between 6 and 10 days. If your child tests negative on day 5 and day 6, then they can leave isolation from that day. If they continue to test positive on day 7, 8 and 9, then they must remain in isolation until 10 full days have passed.
- If a household member tests positive, the other members of the household are not required to isolate if they are well and have not tested positive. However, the rest of the household should continue to test with LFD tests daily for 7 days. The affected person should isolate from the remaining members of the household.

Please be assured that in school, we continue to:

- have an enhanced cleaning schedule
- use handwashing and hand sanitising throughout the day
- maintain year group bubbles
- keep all occupied spaces ventilated and monitor this with air quality monitors
- reiterate messages about hand and respiratory hygiene
- ensure that staff test themselves twice weekly as a minimum
- ensure that staff wear face coverings in communal areas

We hope that this will be an isolated case and wish the affected staff member a quick recovery. We will, of course, keep you informed of any other developments.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins
Head Teacher