

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID CASES at Faringdon Infant School

I am writing to let you know that we have been informed of a positive case of COVID 19 in Holly Class for a child who was last in school on Monday. We are also aware of a number of other cases amongst our families where positive results have come over the half term holiday.

We are asking for your support to be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID in children and family members, and to support us by accessing testing in the event of **any one or more symptoms** presenting. While Lateral Flow tests are useful for ongoing indications of asymptomatic cases, guidance is clear that **a PCR test should be taken if there are any COVID symptoms**.

Given the extremely high case rates locally and in the South West, **we are also asking that you also access PCR testing if you or your child have been a close contact of someone who tests positive, particularly in the event that the close contact is a family member**. The guidance from Government on getting a PCR tests can be found via this link and an important section is copied below for you.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have any of these 3 coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, even if mild, use this service to get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

If you have symptoms, self-isolate straight away until you get your results. Do not leave home, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment. Check if the people you live with need to self-isolate on NHS.UK.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team