

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 had two positive cases of COVID 19 within the school in the last few days, in Holly Class and in Rowan Class (Year 1 & 2 Mixed Classes). We are also aware of a number of other cases in the community, amongst parents and with students at Faringdon Community College.

You will be aware that we are no longer required to ask groups of children to self-isolate, since the guidance changed in the late Summer. Under 18s and fully vaccinated adults are not required to isolate if they have been close contacts of a known case of COVID 19.

If we have additional cases in the same classes, we will be advised by Public Health England about reintroducing additional measures in school. In the meantime, we are reinforcing messages about hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, continuing with enhanced cleaning and asking staff to continue twice weekly testing.

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**. You can also access PCR testing if you or your child has been a close contact of someone who tests positive, in order to help with rapid identification. The guidance from Government on getting a PCR test 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.](#)

We all share the frustrations about the impact of the virus and would dearly like to minimise any disruption to school life this year, especially with forthcoming events over the next 2 weeks. This will be best done with the support of all of our school community in acting quickly to get tested and isolate anyone displaying symptoms. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team