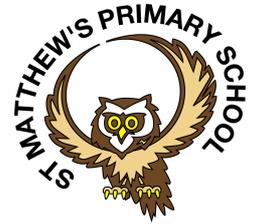


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Dear Parents and Carers

Early this morning I was notified of another positive Covid case. This is unrelated to all other cases.

We now have 13 positive cases across the school, with three bubbles having more than one case. We now have 9 closed bubbles in total.

This picture as you know is changing daily so I am urging you all to be vigilant to any covid symptoms in your families and get a rapid and/or PCR test promptly. Please let us know by email as soon as you get any positive results.

I will write to you later in the week about our plans for how we will operate in September. In a Governor meeting last night it was agreed to take a very cautious approach to any relaxation of our Covid precautions.

As we move toward the summer break it is becoming more likely that some children may need to isolate into the summer holiday, so please be vigilant and continue all precautions such as good hand hygiene and social distancing, to minimise the chance of spreading Covid 19.

Please remember, do not send your children into school if they complain about feeling unwell. If they have any of the Covid symptoms, a headache, feel sick or have been sick, Public Health England are now advising that you do a rapid or a PCR test. If the rapid is positive, please do a PCR test to confirm. Keep your child at home until you have the PCR results. Keep school informed at all stages. If the PCR is negative then your child can come to school when well enough. If it is positive they must isolate. This is to safeguard everyone and to prevent further whole class bubbles from closing.

Your child does not need to self-isolate unless you have been contacted by the school directly, this is because your child has not had direct contact with any of the positive cases.

Public Health have reaffirmed that we have very strict measures and procedures in place which will help to reduce the risk of transmission and we will continue to follow all advice meticulously.

I would ask that you please respect the privacy of any individuals now or in the future who require tests.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep them at home and arrange a PCR test. Our confirmed cases started with a headache or vomiting **but** the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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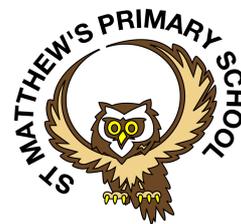
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- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Keep two metres apart from people who are not in your household
- Wear a face covering (people aged over 11 years) in public places

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Yours sincerely

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