

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES AND PROCESSES – September 2021

COVID – 19 SYMPTOMS

- Where a pupil develops coronavirus symptoms at home (a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change to their sense of taste and/or smell), they should not come into school, self-isolate and take a PCR test.
- If a child develops symptoms in school, they will be isolated and we shall phone home to let you know. Your child would need to be collected and taken for a PCR test.
- If the PCR test comes back positive, pupils must self-isolate for 10 days from their first symptoms.
- If a lateral flow test has been taken and shows a positive result, a PCR needs to be taken within 2 days and the pupil would need to self-isolate until the result comes back. A negative PCR test would end the isolation period.

CONTACT TRACING

- Contact tracing is no longer necessary in a school setting.
- NHS Test and Trace will contact parents directly to identify close contacts.

CLOSE CONTACTS

- Children who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months do not need to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 or a close contact.
- Close contacts will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case.
- They will be advised to take a PCR test in order to keep those around them safe.
- There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting this result and so pupils would be able to come to school as usual.
- Close contacts who are under 5 years old will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is within their own household.

As always, staff in school will be available to support with any questions or queries you may have in relation to symptoms and testing.

If you need to report a positive case, email the office on office@hockley-heath.solihull.sch.uk and forward the notification of the result also.