

12th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you following two positive COVID-19 cases reported to us over the weekend. One case was within one of our year 8 bubbles and the other was in Year 12.

We continue to work closely with the public health team based in Milton Keynes Council. Based on their advice, children who attend the school and have been identified as close contacts are now isolating for a 10-day period and have been asked to do a PCR test.

If you have not received confirmation from us regarding this, then your child has not been identified as a close contact and does not need to isolate. Your child's risk of having or developing COVID-19 is low.

However, **you should be particularly vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19 for the next two weeks in your child and amongst other household members. If any members of the household develop symptoms of COVID-19, they *must* book a PCR test.** To access testing please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The typical symptoms of COVID-19 are cough, fever or loss/change in smell/taste. However not everyone has these symptoms. Other symptoms include headache, fatigue and symptoms of the common cold. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have any symptoms but can still transmit the virus. Young children often have mild or no symptoms.

Other things that you can do to help control the spread of COVID-19 include:

1. Parents, carers and children of secondary school age can continue to participate in the twice weekly LFD testing programme and to report these through the [Government website](#).
2. Parents or carers who are eligible for vaccination, can book their vaccination at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

I also want to stress that we are closely following the national guidance for COVID-19 in educational settings. A range of measures are in place across the school to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including enhanced cleaning, maximising outdoor time, ventilation of indoor areas and the use of masks.

We want to thank you for your continued support and we will continue to do everything possible to minimise the impact on education. Our priority is the safety of pupils, staff and their families as we work to limit the spread of this virus.

Kind regards,
Mr Nelson