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Dear Parents / Carers

Considering the unprecedented time we find ourselves in, I thought it prudent to share the process we will be following should a suspected COVID-19 case occur or someone display symptoms.

I have tried to present this as clearly as possible to allow parents / carers to understand the steps to be taken and their responsibility in this.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19

- A new continuous cough.
- A fever / high temperature.
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.



You should;

- **Self-isolate** (not attend school)
- **Arrange a test** as soon as possible.
- **Inform the school** of their **absence** as soon as possible.

Children may also exhibit other symptoms such as tiredness, breathing difficulties and gastrointestinal issues. **If there is not an obvious reason for these then a test is recommended.**

If you have more than one child, they should also self-isolate until the outcome of the test is known regardless of the fact if they have symptoms or not.

If the test is **negative**

- **Inform the school** of the outcome of the test.
- You **no longer need to self-isolate**.
- Your **child/children can return to school when well enough to do so**.

If the test is **positive**

- **Inform the school** of the positive outcome **as soon as possible**
- Family should **self-isolate for 14 days** from the onset of symptoms.

Contacting the school

To report POSITIVE COVID-19 OUTCOMES

By phone – 01244 981189 (08:00-16:00)

Out of hours email – covid@christletonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

If the **school receives notification of a positive COVID-19 test**

- **Contact tracing takes place** to identify direct and close contacts of the case during the 48 hours' period prior to the child falling ill.
- These **contacts will be 'excluded' from school and advised to self-isolate for 14 days** starting from the day they were last in contact with the case
- School will **send out a letter** to affected families provided by the Contact Tracer.

Please note

The school will act swiftly when it receives notification of a positive test. Parental support is vital in assisting the school to ensure that any potential COVID-19 outbreak is contained. It is foreseeable that a communication may be provided at short notice i.e. that a bubble cannot attend school the next day or even during the day that a bubble will need to be collected. We do recognise the impact that this will have on parents but request your support and understanding regarding this.

With all of the above, communication is vital.

It is **essential that parents inform the school as soon as possible of illness and test outcomes.**

It is also **vital that the school has current contact details.**

It is **imperative that communications from school are read and understood** – especially in the case of a bubble having to self-isolate.

We do anticipate that testing will become a fairly common event so will communicate only when there is the need to i.e. the school is informed of a positive test outcome.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Should you have any further questions regarding this information don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell

Ordering a test

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

Call 119 to get a test if you have problems using the internet.