



Monday 15th November 2021

Dear Family

New measures in response to an outbreak of Covid-19

There is currently an outbreak of Covid-19 in St James's CE Primary School. As communicated with you previously, when necessary, local authorities can introduce local measures to reduce transmission in settings and help keep students and staff safe.

Therefore, in response to the outbreak in our setting, Dudley Public Health advise that the following measures are now introduced:

1. Facemasks are worn by all staff and visitors in communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained (this applies to staff and visitors in primary schools). **Families collecting from school are also asked to wear masks while on the school site.** Please could we request that pupils are collected by only one adult and that you leave the school site as quickly as possible.
2. Any child identified as a close contact of a positive case within the school, by NHS Test & Trace or the school in conjunction with Dudley Public Health must undertake a PCR test* and **should not attend the setting until the result is known.** If the result is positive, they should isolate for 10 full days, in line with the [guidance](#). If the result is negative, they can return to school and are encouraged to undertake daily Lateral Flow Tests* for 7 days after the date of the PCR test. For information on how to access lateral flow test kits visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests
3. Any child that has a positive case in their household (e.g. sibling or parent), must undertake a PCR test and **should not attend the setting until the result is known.** If the result is positive, they should isolate for 10 full days, in line with the [guidance](#). If the result is negative, they can return to school and are encouraged to undertake daily Lateral Flow Tests* for 7 days after the date of the PCR test. For information on how to access lateral flow test kits visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

**only applicable to those 5 years of age and over*

Please note if your child has tested positive within the last 90 days they are exempt from testing unless they have new symptoms. They can continue to attend school as normal, however there maybe situations where this is not possible due to staff capacity. You will be kept informed if this arises.

You will need to inform us of your child's result by completing [this form](#). If you do not undertake a PCR test for your child when requested, we can take the decision to refuse your child's attendance on the grounds that they could be positive. It is reasonable to refuse attendance without the PCR test result, as it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection. Therefore, your child would be required to isolate from school for 10 days, without a negative PCR result.

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We hope that you support this guidance and work with us to help avoid further spread within our community.

Your sincerely
Mrs L Mason – head teacher

How to book a PCR test online if you do not have symptoms

1. Visit this website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and choose ‘Start now’ near the bottom of the page
2. Select: “No” the person is not an essential worker

Is the person who needs a test an essential worker?

Essential workers include NHS staff, teachers and transport staff. Check the [full list of essential workers on GOV.UK](#).

Yes

No

I don't know

[Continue](#)

3. Click “Continue” at the bottom of this page

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Tests available

! Tests need to go to essential workers first, including NHS and social care staff.

If you cannot get a test now, try again later. Do not call helplines - you will not be able to get a test through the helplines.

Home tests for the general public **AVAILABLE**

Posted to your home and should arrive the day after you order it.

Home test for essential workers **AVAILABLE**

Home test kits prioritised for essential workers.

Test sites

4. Select: "o, none of these symptoms"

Does the person who needs a test have coronavirus symptoms?

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Yes, at least one of these symptoms

No, none of these symptoms

[Continue](#)

5. Select: "No" you have not been asked to get a follow-up test

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Has the person been asked to get a follow-up test?

For example, their first test was unclear or they need to confirm a possible positive result.

Yes

No

Continue

6. Select: "No" you are not part of a trial

Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?

For example, they:

- are attending an event that is part of the Events Research Programme
- were told to get a test by the COVID Symptom Study app (by ZOE)
- are taking a test before a dental procedure (Dental Patient Testing)

Yes

No

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7. Select: "I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional"

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Why are you asking for a test?

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional
- My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

8. Complete the rest of the form with details.

If you order a home test kit make sure you post this into a priority post-box to return it. You can find where they are located at <https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>

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