



# Willow Lane

## Community Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Positive case**

I am writing to make you aware of positive COVID-19 cases in school. Government guidance now states that schools are not obliged to inform close contacts or parents and although the current cases are below our number for 'Consideration of Extra Action' (Please see latest Risk Assessment), we are urging parents to remain vigilant in monitoring their children for signs and symptoms.

If your child is fit and well, they should continue to attend school as normal, as there is no requirement for children under 18 years to self-isolate if not showing symptoms.

If your child begins to display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home and you should arrange a **PCR test** by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>. A lateral flow test is for 'Asymptomatic testing' and a PCR test still remains the most valid way of ensure COVID-19 is not present.

If your child does test positive, please inform the school straight away.

After the unstable times we have had, our priority is to have our children in school. Please be reassured that we continue to do everything in our power to keep pupils, staff and their families safe in school and we ask your support with this.

Kind regards

Miss Lucy Naylor

Headteacher



## Public Health Advice Version 7.0 August 2021

### Section 5.0

Schools are no longer required to conduct their own contact tracing for single confirmed cases of COVID-19. NHS Test and Trace will continue to work with confirmed cases/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

Individuals will no longer be required to isolate if they live in the same household or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated\*
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they taking part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that they have been vaccinated in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since they received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Instead, individuals listed above will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Children aged under 5 years old will only be advised to take a PCR test if they are a household contact of a positive case.

Children, pupils and students aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

### HOW TO STOP CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SPREADING

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

- 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

