



Friday 26th March

Dear Parents/Carers

Information for Parents regarding COVID19 Contact Tracing over the Easter break

The following information explains the expectations around reporting cases of COVID19 and undertaking contact tracing over the Easter break. (This is the same procedure as for the Christmas break and February half term)

The advice from the DFE is that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 within 48 hours of being in school:

You must seek a PCR test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned. **You should let the school know that this has occurred.**

The quickest way to obtain a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.

If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school, who will identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this.

If the test result is negative, you should inform the school and you do not need to take any further action.

You should contact the school on

headteacher@messingprimaryschool.co.uk and admin@messingprimaryschool.co.uk

You must provide the following:

- Name.
- Date of symptoms starting.
- A phone number on which you can be contacted

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school:

You must seek a PCR test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned. If the test result is positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

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You should contact the school if your child will be absent, in time for the first day back on Monday 12th April.

If your child has no symptoms of COVID19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school:

It is important to follow the guidance around accessing a test only when the individual is showing signs of COVID19 . However, if your child is asymptomatic (shows no symptoms) and **returns a positive test result within 48 hours of last being in school, please let the school know straight away.**

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID19, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the day after the person tested positive.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Kindest regards and please take care

Mrs Jackie Halliday

Head teacher