



ST THOMAS MORE

VC ACADEMY

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Year 5 – Further Positive COVID-19 Case

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to let you know that there has been a further confirmed case of Covid-19 within Year 5 and your child may have had contact with the positive case during their infectious period.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of Covid-19 – this is done by the national Test and Trace system. Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the case[s] to share with Test and Trace.

Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid-19 do not need to isolate, but contacts aged 5 and over are advised to **take daily Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for 7 days**, as they are at a higher risk of developing Covid-19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to isolate unless they have symptoms or test positive. If your child can't tolerate the daily LFTs they can still come to school, but if you can manage it, please do so as it helps to keep our school community safe.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they have a positive LFT result; develop symptoms of Covid 19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms but haven't had a positive LFT result, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them. If they have a positive LFT result, they no longer need to get a PCR test, but please register the LFT result.

The 3 main covid symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 degrees or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache; sore throat; tiredness and cold-like symptoms so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Access to LFTs is still intermittent but improving and kits are available at the start of every day via the following link so please keep trying – <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Information on where to collect LFT kits is available here – <https://www.hull.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-community-advice-and-support/lateral-flow-testing>.

Thank you for your support

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