



**ST THOMAS
MORE**
VC ACADEMY

Thursday 25th November 2021

Year FSU – Single Positive COVID-19 Case

Dear parents and carers

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

The school is responding appropriately to Public Health England (PHE) advice and under their direction, it is recommended that your child takes a **PCR test**. You can book a test here - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. PHE are mindful that your child is very young and understand that being tested at a test centre may be too traumatic an experience for them. In this case, the school can offer you a postal PCR test kit that you can use at home. If tolerated, you may also want to consider regular testing through Lateral Flow Test device kits widely available.

It is important that you update the school with your child's test date and result.

Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid-19 are no longer required to isolate and your child should continue to attend school whilst awaiting their PCR test result, unless of course they are unwell – even with the mildest of symptoms. In this case, please keep them at home until they are fully better.

Can I please ask you to be vigilant of the 3 key symptoms of COVID-19 which remain a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher; a new continuous cough and a change to, or loss of taste/smell. Please also note that the most commonly reported symptoms associated with the dominant Delta variant include headache; sore throat; fatigue and cold-like symptoms.

Thank you for your support

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