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Warn and inform letter from Wakefield Public Health

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise you that there have been a confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 6.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation. Please be reassured that for most people and especially for children and young people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Please help us by being watchful for any symptoms of illness in your child. If they have cough, fever or loss of taste/smell then please do not send them to school and arrange a PCR test immediately. If your child tests positive then they are still required to self-isolate at home for 10 days.

Children do not always have the 'typical' symptoms, so if your child is generally unwell and in particular has symptoms such as sore throat, headache, runny nose and sneezing, we would recommend that you keep them at home and arrange a PCR test. When booking online or speaking to 119, please state/ tick that your child is eligible because your local authority has asked them to get a test, and that they may have been a contact of a positive case.

Schools are no longer required to identify close contacts of cases. This will be done by NHS Test and Trace who will call the parents of confirmed cases directly.

If NHS Test and Trace tell you that your child is a contact, they will advise that your child has a PCR test as soon as possible. Please do arrange this. Children under 18 who are contacts of a positive case are no longer required to self-isolate, so your child is welcome to attend school if they remain well while they await the result of the PCR test.

To book a PCR test please visit this website or ring 119.

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

Rates of COVID-19 are still very high in Wakefield, but there are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting seriously ill with COVID-19.

The most important thing is for anyone eligible to get both doses of vaccine as soon as possible. Having both doses of vaccine is very effective at preventing severe illness and admission to hospital. It also reduces the risk of being infected with COVID and passing it on by around half.

Information on where to get a vaccine is here: [Walk in and grab a jab](#)

In addition:

- Keep using face coverings in crowded indoor spaces
- Limit the number of people you mix with who aren't in your household
- Meet outdoors or in well ventilated spaces when you can.
- Stay at home and get a PCR test if you have possible symptoms of COVID-19, especially cough, fever or loss of taste/smell
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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