



# Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

We are writing to inform you that there have been 3 positive cases of COVID-19 in Reception and 2 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Year 2.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All children and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19.

## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19**

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) or by calling 119 and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 7 days after their symptoms appeared and when they have had a negative lateral flow test result on day 6 and 7 of isolation.

If the child has a positive lateral flow test result but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days from the date the positive test was taken. As you may be aware from today (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022) anyone who tests positive on a lateral flow test, no longer needs this confirmed via a PCR test.

## **Contacts who are not required to self-isolate.**

From 16 August 2021, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

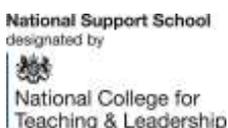
- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an [MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine](#) in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

## **Close contacts**

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/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 or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close

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contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine

### 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): [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now. Those aged 16 and 17 will be invited to book an appointment: [Who can get the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- 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
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

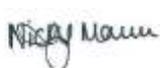
### Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please rest assured that the health and safety of all our staff and children is paramount and our thoughts are with all of those families affected by this notification.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Nicky Mann and Mr Jamie Hallums  
Co-Headteachers

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