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COVID Clarity

Currently the Christleton area is a known COVID-19 hotspot in CWAC.

Since we returned to school we have had several confirmed cases within school and are aware of many more within the parental community.

We are aware that the high school has also had many cases, currently there is a mobile PCR testing unit on their site.

Over the summer period the guidance changed and we provided information about this. Despite this guidance we are continuing to have some instances when children displaying symptoms are being sent into school and occasions when a LFT test result is being relied upon rather than PCR tests.

We are writing to provide further clarity for our school community. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to read the attached information.

Thank you for your ongoing support which has been fantastic and invaluable throughout.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell



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My child / I have a COVID-19 symptom



High
Temperature



New
Persistent
Cough



Loss of taste
OR smell

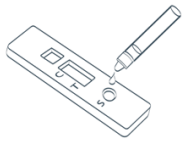


Get a **PCR**
test and
isolate

If you have **any COVID-19 symptom you should**

- **Isolate**
- **Get a PCR test**

Lateral Flow (LFT) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)



LFT



PCR

Use to identify asymptomatic cases	Used when you have symptoms
Not suitable to confirm following contact with a positive case.	Used when you have been into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID
If you receive a positive LFT result a PCR should be used to confirm this	Used to confirm a positive LFT

If your child has symptoms they will need to take a PCR test.

A LFT will not be accepted.

Contacts and Isolation



It remains a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to by Test and Trace.

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply.

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS.
- You're under 18 years old.
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.



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PCR and Contact



If you have been a **contact, you are advised to get a PCR** to check if you have COVID-19. **You should do this even if you have no symptoms.** You should also follow the advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19 provided on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/how-to-avoid-catching-and-spreading-coronavirus-covid-19/>

It would also be worth limiting your contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19

Taking your child for a test as they have a symptom

If you have **taken your child for a PCR test as they have a symptom we would expect the child to be kept off until the outcome of the test is known.**

Cases and Contacting the wider school community

The guidance provided to schools stated that schools were not advised to contact parents in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in school and that Track and Trace will do this.



This piece of advice did not sit well with the school and we have continued to communicate.



Unfortunately, we are not convinced that Track and Trace is effective in identifying and contacting all that they should in order to advise them to get a PCR test. If we believe that a positive case has been in class in the 48 hours before being symptomatic / tested positive, we will make contact with families to advise them to get a PCR test. Those who have a PCR test (as a contact) do not need to isolate unless they have symptoms and can continue to attend school.

Other Illnesses

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is well enough to attend school.

The expectations around other illnesses can be found on the next page.



When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	



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