

DATE: 4th October 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know there has now been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Y6 cohort.

Although schools are no longer required to undertake detailed contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances), we felt that it was necessary to request that children in Y6 had a lateral flow test over the weekend as a precaution. Following further discussions with the North Yorkshire Public Health team, we are **recommending that your child has a PCR test as it is now likely that they have been in close contact with a positive case.**

PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. It may be easier to request a home testing kit where available. Children do not need to isolate whilst they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is directly identified as a close contact by the case, 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 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, cold-like symptoms and even sickness and diarrhoea, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.

Miss Rogan will not be in school until Tuesday 12th October so I have arranged alternative cover for the children with known teachers to them, whilst ensuring as much consistency as possible. Miss Rogan is zooming the class daily, has planned their lessons and has provided remote learning for them via Purple Mash (work is already online) and a home learning pack (attached), which we can print off for you if you require. The remote learning is for pupils who are **not** currently in school and who are well enough to complete it.

Once again, I am sorry that it is necessary to share this information and I am hoping that the precautionary actions that we have taken to date will prevent further transmission.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher