

1st December 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know there has been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Y5 cohort.

Schools are no longer required to undertake detailed contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances). Following 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 book via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. 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 current variants 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.

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