



JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dobcroft Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been made aware that there has been a number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the school.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and the Sheffield City Council Public Health Team. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide information, which we request you to follow. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

As a result of the positive COVID cases in our school and following your child testing positive for COVID-19 we are implementing further measures to help reduce transmission of the virus in school. PHE and the Department for Education have advised **that you should arrange for any siblings who attend Dobcroft Junior or Dobcroft Infant schools to attend a community testing centre for a PCR test.** This is important even if your child does not have symptoms. You can access a test via: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

As your child has been identified as a household contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID, we request you to **NOT** send your child back to school whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test.

Your child should only return to back to school once a negative PCR result has been obtained. You will receive this negative result 24-48 hours after the PCR test directly via text or email. If your child receives a positive result they should not return to school and should isolate for 10 days.

We have been advised by PHE to take this approach in school to further reduce transmission through siblings into either the Junior or Infant School.

You should **not** arrange to have a PCR test, if your child has previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

We would like to remind you of the things you can do to keep your family and others as safe as possible.

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now, 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination and it has recently been announced that 12-15 year olds will also be offered 1 dose of the vaccination.
- 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, if aged 11 and over, when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- take part in regular LFD testing, if aged 11 or over

If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19

- Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in enclosed spaces
- Stay away from people who are clinically vulnerable as much as possible
- Limit contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable

If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms

- The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:
 - New continuous cough and/or
 - High temperature and/or
 - Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell
- Anyone with any of these symptoms should stay at home and arrange a PCR test.
- If the test result is positive, the person must self-isolate for 10 days. Follow the [Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19](#).

Further Information

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

Yours sincerely

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