



# CURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, the number of COVID-19 infections in Cornwall continues to increase, with more than half of the total number being recorded in Cornish Schools.

Because of this, Public Health Cornwall, is asking parents, carers, teachers and school staff to follow some new guidance.

Public Health Cornwall are now requesting:

- You book a PCR test if you are a household or close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case
- They are asking for household contacts of a case who attend an educational setting to take a daily rapid LFD test for 7 days.

This additional testing recommendation applies to children in secondary schools and additionally primary schools if parents/carers feel comfortable in doing so.

The daily testing recommendation for Cornwall is not mandatory but designed to identify children and young people who develop COVID-19 a few days after their sibling or other household member and therefore reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms and are testing negative they can continue to attend their setting. If they test positive on an LFD test or develop new symptoms, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test.

We also request that all parents, carers and older siblings of school aged children test twice weekly, using a lateral flow test, in line with the continued government guidance.

## Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

#### *Do*

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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

### **Further Information**

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

We hope that by following this new additional guidance from Public Health Cornwall we can help to keep our pupils, staff and wider community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

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