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Dear Parent/Carer

A confirmed case of Covid19 in our School

There have been a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our school, as well as cases rapidly increasing in the wider community. The school is working closely with Salford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

We have been risk assessing the situation in school and we have measures in place to reduce the impact of situations like this.

We believe the cases are contained and we have asked the appropriate contacts to isolate however as a precaution Salford's Public Health team have advised us to close the school on Monday and Tuesday to allow time for a deep clean of the whole school.

School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July. Pupils who have not been identified as close contacts can return on Wednesday 7th July.

In addition, Salford's Public Health team would like to ask all pupils and families to take a LFD test (rapid at home test). Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not experience any symptoms and may be spreading the virus unwittingly. Rapid testing detects cases quickly (within 30 minutes), meaning positive cases and their contacts can isolate immediately and therefore helping to break the chain of transmission.

This is a precautionary measure to allow people to come back to school with confidence that all safety steps have been taken.

The school has increased cleaning generally.

All close contacts of the positive cases have been asked to self-isolate for 10 days in a separate letter. Only the close contact needs to self-isolate, other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate.

You can order LFD tests online at [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) You can also collect kits from the portacabins at Salford Civic Centre, any pharmacy, the libraries within the Gateways or Broughton Hub. A full list of collection points can be viewed [here](#).

LFD tests should only be used if your child is feeling well, if they are feeling unwell in any way please see below for how to book a PCR test.



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

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

A well person or child: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of COVID-19.

A combination of symptoms below gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat, congested or runny nose, skin rash - anything that is not feeling themselves.

Note: For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If your child tests positive please try not to worry, for most people Covid19 is a mild illness, if you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell please contact NHS111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed. We are asking everyone who is unwell with any of the above symptoms to book a test by ringing 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can contact me by calling, tel: 0161 921 1955 or email: christchurch.ceprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk.

With kind regards,



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