

Friday 8th October 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Further Confirmed case of Covid-19 at Meridian

A further confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) has been reported to school today for a Year 4 child. This child is asymptomatic (has no symptoms) and is now self-isolating. **Please note that this child attends Play Club.**

- In line with current government guidance, the school remains open and children can continue to attend school as normal, providing they are well.
- If your child attends Play Club, I would advise you to arrange a PCR test for them regardless of whether they have symptoms. Your child can continue to attend school whilst waiting for a PCR test result, providing they have no Covid symptoms.
- In our experience, results from a test taken at a walk-in or drive-through test site are returned more quickly than those from a postal test.
- Please be vigilant in monitoring your child for any Covid symptoms, however mild.
- Should your child test positive for Covid, please remember to email (or telephone) the school office straight away at sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk (Tel: 020 8858 3572). The school email address is monitored for Covid notifications outside of school hours.
- All children who are self-isolating for Covid related reasons are set remote home learning via Google Classroom.

Whilst we know that parents/carers may find this news worrying, we will continue to work closely with the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) and Public Health England (PHE) to monitor the situation. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

More information about how to arrange a PCR test and the symptoms of Covid can be found on page 2 of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

With my very best wishes,
Jo
Jo Graham - Headteacher

Further information for parents

How do I arrange a PCR test for my child?

You can arrange for your child to have a PCR test whether or not they have symptoms by following this link: [Ask for a coronavirus test](#). Alternatively, you can call 119. If your child has no symptoms, they can continue to attend school whilst awaiting their PCR result.

Please inform us straight away of a positive test result by emailing sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk or telephoning the school on 020 8858 3572. The school email address is monitored outside of school hours for Covid notifications.

What are the symptoms of Covid-19?

The [Main symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to sense of smell or taste** - this means you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What should I do if my child develops one or more symptoms of COVID-19?

If your child has **any one** of the above Covid symptoms, however mild, they should stay at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appear and arrange a PCR test.

- Follow this link to arrange a PCR test: [Ask for a coronavirus test](#) or call 119.
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More information can be found here: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)