

Monday 4th October 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Confirmed case of Covid-19 at Meridian Primary School

I am writing to inform you that a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) has been reported to school today for a Year 4 child. The child tested positive on a lateral flow test and is awaiting the result of a confirmatory PCR test. This child is now self-isolating. Please note that they did not attend Breakfast Club or Play Club.

In line with current government and public health guidance, the school and the Year 4 class remain open. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

What does this mean for my child?

- The school remains open and your child can continue to come to school as normal, providing they remain well.
- The guidance has changed and close contacts of positive Covid cases no longer need to self isolate if they are double vaccinated or below 18 years and 6 months of age.
- Bubbles in school no longer need to close following a confirmed case within the class.
- We have advised Year 4 parents/carers to arrange a PCR test for their child and be vigilant in monitoring their child for any Covid symptoms, however mild.
- You may wish to arrange regular lateral flow tests for your child and more information can be found here: [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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.
- Please note that, 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 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.

More information can be found here: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

What can I do if I'm concerned?

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office sao@meridian.greenwich.uk.

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

With my very best wishes,

Jo

Jo Graham - Headteacher