

Dear Parent/Carer

In line with Government guidance, Leicestershire County Council Public Health Team has requested you take your child to have a **PCR test** because your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive case of coronavirus. All close contacts of cases, age 4 or over, are being asked to have a **PCR test** in order to try and reduce the spread of the virus. A PCR test can be booked at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, or by calling 119.

If your child is well and has no COVID-19 symptoms they do not need to self-isolate and should continue to attend school whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test.

If you are unable to access a PCR test, please arrange a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test (LFD).

In addition, we request that your child has a further LFD test 5 days after their contact with a COVID-19 case. Positive LFDs should always be followed up by a PCR test for confirmation of the result. Information on where to get LFD test kits is available here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

If the result is positive, they should follow the self-isolation guidance available at:

- [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment)

If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, they do not need to be re-tested and should continue to attend school unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms. Children under 4 do not need to take a PCR test unless they have symptoms.

Thank you very much for your support. Taking a COVID test is very important to help control this virus.

With best wishes

Public Health