



26th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Important New Covid Guidance

Following growing concerns about the spread of the Indian variant of Covid-19 in the North West, the Local Authority have released an important policy change with immediate effect.

The latest Local Authority guidance states that **all identified contacts of a confirmed case should take a PCR test**. If you are contacted to say that you or your child are a contact of a confirmed case (eg. by school in the event of a bubble closure or by Test & Trace if the contact is outside of the school community), you will need to book a PCR test as soon as possible.

We have attached the letter from the Director for Public Health for Manchester that confirms this policy change. We have also attached a step-by-step guide explaining how to book a PCR test for someone who is not showing any symptoms.

If the PCR test comes back positive, the person who took the test will need to restart their 10 days isolation from the date of their test and you will need to inform school immediately. All members of your household should follow the government's [guidance for households with possible coronavirus](#). If the PCR test comes back negative, the person who took the test should still continue to self-isolate for the full 10 day period since their last contact with the index case (ie. a negative test does not mean that they can end their isolation early).

We will include this information in our standard communications in the event of a bubble closure, but wanted to make you all aware ahead of time of this important change in guidance.

Kind regards,
Ellie Linton
Communications & Marketing Manager



Inspiration & Success

