

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an update from the Local Authority with regards to PCR testing for 'wider symptoms'.

In recent weeks, local schools have been reporting a pattern of 'wider symptoms' in those testing positive for coronavirus. People may not think they have COVID-19 because they are not displaying the classic symptoms and, as a result, could be spreading the infection to others.

The Local Authority are now advising children in Manchester to go for a PCR test if they display any of the 'wider symptoms'.

These include:

- Diarrhoea
- A persistent headache
- Fevers and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

This method will continue until the **19th of July**.

This is a precautionary measure and PCR tests are voluntary. However, if you are testing your child for 'wider symptoms' please inform the school office (attendance@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk).

Unless the 'wider symptoms' are serious or contagious (diarrhoea, vomiting, fever, shortness of breath), those displaying 'wider symptoms' can **continue to attend school** on the judgement of parents and teaching staff.

Those who agree to take a PCR test when displaying 'wider symptoms' (with exception to those listed above), **can continue to attend school whilst awaiting their result**.

Please note that any children displaying the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 **must NOT attend school** and are advised to take a PCR test. If a member of your household is taking a PCR test for this reason or displaying symptoms of coronavirus, you must self isolate. Guidance has not changed around this.



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1. High temperature
2. Persistent cough
3. Loss of smell or taste

We appreciate the new guidance could be confusing so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch (admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk).

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Kind regards,
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