



Frequently Asked Questions after a positive case of Coronavirus



We have now had a confirmed case of Coronavirus at Coopers Lane Primary. Below are some questions that we believe you may have and we hope you will find these answers useful. If you have any other specific questions please call or email the school office.

How many cases of Coronavirus have been confirmed?

Only one case has been confirmed. The infected person will now self-isolate and as a precaution 9 members of staff and 87 pupils will also be asked to self-isolate.

Which year group is affected?

The case is within Year 4 and contained within Year 4. Students have been contained within their bubble year groups while in school.

Have the classrooms and shared areas been cleaned?

We know that the virus can possibly hang around on surfaces for up to 72 hours so all Year 4 Classrooms, toilets and regular touch points have been deep cleaned. This is in addition to the thorough cleaning that already happens in school throughout the day and each evening.

Why isn't the school closing?

At this stage, we only have one single case and we have been able to very quickly identify all the contacts that person had and they will self-isolate for 14 days as a precaution. The advice is to open the school as planned with all the systems of control in place such as hand washing, good respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning and protected groups. We will also continue to ask all visitors, including parents/carers, to wear a face covering when on the school grounds, unless they are medically exempt from doing so.

How do I know if I or my children came into contact with the infected person?

As we keep a record of what contacts are made throughout the school day, we know who came into contact with the infected person and have notified those who need to self-isolate as a precaution.

If we have been in contact with a parent/child that has been asked to self-isolate by the school, are we also required to self-isolate and then track those we've subsequently had contact with?

No, the advice to self-isolate from Public Health England (PHE) is only for those who had direct contact. In this case, contact was fairly minimal and it is a precaution that some are being asked to self-isolate. Obviously, if you develop symptoms then you should self-isolate along with your household and let the school know as soon as possible.

Does the infected person have another sibling at the school?

No

Will it be better to keep the children home a bit longer until this episode is over?

Due to the systems in place, we have been able to quickly identify those who came into contact with the infected person, so we are expecting this to be contained and not develop into an outbreak. We will of course remain vigilant and put into place all the measures for keeping the school open.

If the people that have been asked to self-isolate get tested and it come back negative, are they allowed back into school before the 14 days is up?

No. Public Health England have been clear that even with a negative test, the individuals must remain self-isolating for 14 days in case they develop symptoms after the test was taken.

Can you confirm more details of the infected person/people?

As you might expect we cannot release any further details of the person in respect to their privacy. As explained above we know who this person was in contact with and they have been informed and will self-isolate.

I want to keep my child at home, can I do this?

We understand your concerns and we wouldn't open the school if we didn't feel that the situation was contained. You will be aware that the government has announced that all pupils should return to school and continue their education. If your child does not attend school they will have this recorded as an unauthorised absence.

What happens if I do not send my child in?

We will be in touch to have a conversation and discuss your concerns. Almost every pupil is now back at school and unless your child is ill, self-isolating or is shielding, they should be attending school.

Should I get my child tested?

We believe that tests are only available to those with symptoms. If your child develops symptoms during a 14-day isolation period, you should get a test and your household should self-isolating for 14 days from the start of the symptoms.

My child has been told to self-isolate by the school and PHE. How will their Free School Meals be fulfilled?

The school will arrange for our catering company to provide a food hamper for anyone entitled to Free School Meals who is asked to self-isolate. Please note that this is not for Universal Free School Meals.

Can the school take the temperatures of people entering the school grounds?

The guidance does not recommend this and it would be challenging for us to do this with the number of children that we have. If a child is hot to the touch on their front and back, then they should remain at home. If we suspect that someone is unwell then we will check and follow our procedures.