

# BROOMWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Subject:** Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 in Year 6's

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are aware of a number confirmed cases of Covid-19 within Year 6

**All children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status**

In line with recent national guidance, if children are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 they should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days to help slow the spread of COVID-19. If the lateral flow is negative, they can continue to attend school.

We recognise that it is really difficult to get lateral flow tests at the moment; however we would encourage that you try and do this in order to prevent more cases within the class. If your child develops any COVID symptoms they must isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>.

**What are we doing in school?**

- We already have an established risk assessment that we follow- please see the school website. In addition to these precautions, we will also implement the following:
- Enhanced cleaning of the classroom
- There is already good ventilation and a CO2 monitor in the classroom- windows will however remain open- whatever the weather!
- More sanitising
- Whilst we will treat the whole of year 6 as a 'bubble', we will restrict their contact with the year 5 children.
- More restrictions will be put into place for staff e.g staff meetings will go online

**Outside of school:**

You can support in limiting the spread of COVID by:

- Lateral flow testing on a daily basis
- Limiting the contact your child has with other pupils outside of school at the moment

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### **What if my child's lateral flow tests is positive?**

If your child has a positive lateral flow test, they should self-isolate. You need to report your result at [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). In addition, please send a screen shot to the admin email: [broomwood.admin@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:broomwood.admin@trafford.gov.uk) This will allow us to manage close contacts carefully and manage the overall school attendance. You will need to book a confirmatory PCR test if any of the following apply:

- You have symptoms of Covid-19, the main symptoms are a new continuous cough, a high temperature and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- You are eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment (TTSP) you will need to complete a confirmatory PCR to be eligible to apply for this

### **Self- isolation**

It may be possible to end self-isolation after 7 days. For this to happen, your child would need to have 2 negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart. The first lateral flow test should not be taken before the 6<sup>th</sup> day of isolation. If either of the lateral flow tests taken on day 6 or 7 are positive, or your child has a high temperature, they must continue to isolate until they have 2 consecutive negative lateral flow results or 10 days (whichever is sooner). If you are unable to obtain lateral flow tests, then the full 10 day isolation must be completed.

### **Ordering tests**

**Lateral flow tests** – you can get a box of 7 lateral flow tests free of charge from NHS Test and Trace either through pharmacies, home delivery by ordering online or contacting 119.

**PCR Tests** - can be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>.

### **How can you stop Covid-19 spreading?**

There are lots of simple things you can do in your everyday life to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting Covid-19 or spreading it:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- Allow ventilation into your house or workplace by opening windows and doors;
- Try to meet people outdoors if possible;
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately after using them and then wash your hands;
- Take regular Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests at least twice a week. These can be ordered for home delivery from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Many thanks for your ongoing support in keeping our staff, pupils, families, and community safe.

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