



**A LETTER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS FROM ST JOHN PAUL II PRIMARY & NURSERY
& LABURNUM FAMILY LEARNING CENTER**

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give our children the best education in the safest way possible.

If your child (or anyone in your household) is displaying any of the following symptoms, the family should isolate and you should book a test:

1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
 - If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
 - Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. **All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.** Siblings **SHOULD NOT** continue to attend school/nursery and they must stay at home to self-isolate as per the government guidelines.
 - If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
 - If a pupil is in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms. Even if you get a test during this period and it comes back negative, your child will still have to complete the full period of isolation.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. A detailed letter is circulated to all close contacts when a case is confirmed.

It is vital for our children's learning that they are able to return to school. It is therefore vitally important that all of us work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Please contact us if you require further information.

