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Following in Jesus' footsteps, we live, love and learn together as a school family to build a better world.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: COVID-19

SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

We have excellent systems of control in school to help us fight the spread of COVID-19 in school. These systems of control include:

- Hand sanitising on entry to school
- Hand washing on entry to the classrooms and throughout the day
- Regular sanitising of pupils' desks throughout the day
- All staff wear face masks, unless exempt, when walking around the school
- All visitors sanitise/wash their hands on entry to school and wear their face masks, unless exempt when in school
- Keeping classrooms, offices and halls well ventilated

HOW PARENTS/CARERS CAN HELP

Most recently we have asked ALL parents/carers to wear face coverings, unless exempt, when collecting your children at the end of the school day. This request remains in place and we would really appreciate your support in this matter to help us keep all children safe and well.

COVID FLOWCHART

We have had positive cases of COVID-19 in school but thankfully these have been low in number. However, given that cases can rise very quickly, I have updated our FLOWCHART to help you take the correct actions should your child or any family member have COVID-19 symptoms, test positive on a LFD test or if you/your child are a 'close contact' of someone who has received a positive COVID-19 result. The FLOWCHART is at the end of this letter and it can also be found here: https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/COVID-19

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

While it is the responsibility of the NHS Track and Trace to notify anyone who is a close contact of a positive case, the Local Authority is supporting schools in informing parents of any positive cases in school via a 'Warn And Inform' letter. From now on, we will issue this letter, below, to let you know that there is a positive COVID-19 case in your child's class. When you receive this letter you must read it and ensure you follow the guidance in order to keep everyone at school safe.

The 'Warn And Inform' Letter:











Dear Parents/Carers,

A member of >>Class Name<< has tested Positive for COVID-19. I need to inform you of your next steps in order to minimise the possible spread of COVID-19 in school. In line with government policy, please can I ask you to action the following points immediately:

- 1. **Don't worry or panic**, this is going to happen a lot as mixing is now allowed between family, friends and society.
- As your child has been deemed to have 'mixed closely' with the member of the class/teaching team who tested positive, your child should now get a PCR test.
 Government request you book a PCR test as your child may be asymptomatic with COVID-19. Please book a test ASAP and outside of school time where at all possible to prevent your child missing lesson time.

3. YOU DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE WHILE WAITING ON PCR TEST RESULTS.

- 4. As long as your child has NO symptoms of COVID-19, your child should attend school as normal tomorrow morning. They DO NOT need to isolate, they are just asked to get a PCR test. They should continue to attend school whilst awaiting their PCR test UNLESS they start to display symptoms of COVID-19.
- 5. If your child's PCR test is Positive, then
 - a. Your child should isolate immediately and await contact from NHS Track n Trace.
 - b. All close contacts, especially all the household, should then book a PCR test (please note: only those that are positive need to isolate)
 - c. Contact school by emailing admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk and let us know.
- 6. <u>If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms please DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.</u> Please isolate your child immediately and book a PCR test.
- 7. A LFD test is for daily testing for those with NO COVID-19 symptoms. If you/your child has COVID-19 symptoms you MUST isolate and get a PCR test.

Thank you for your support in keeping all in our school community safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Baron Headteacher



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School COVID-19 FLOWCHART

Child / Teaching Team / Household member

has symptoms or gets a positive result on the LFD test.

Book a PCR test immediately and isolate until you get the result.

ONLY the person with symptoms or the positive LFD result needs to isolate.

Everyone else in the class / household can continue as normal

unless they develop symptoms.



The person must isolate for 10 days starting the day after the onset of symptoms/positive LFD result.

PCR IS NEGATIVE

You do not have COVID-19.

Continue as normal.

CLOSE CONTACTS OF A POSITIVE PCR PERSON

You **must** get a PCR test.

You do not need to isolate if:

- you are under 18 years 6 months
- You are 14 days clear of your second vaccination
- You are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

You must always isolate if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms and you must always get a PCR test.