



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may already be aware, since the half term break we are seeing an increase in the number of positive cases within both the academy and in the local area. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

Covid19 is affecting both staffing and pupil absence. We need everyone to support each other over the coming weeks. We need to achieve together in these testing times. We ask you to support your child in being able to follow our classroom rules in all lessons. Our three rules are: one voice, act on teacher instructions promptly and let others work. This will help us manage the school during this difficult time.

**After reviewing the latest advice from PHE we continue the following measures:**

- Continued use of hand sanitiser in classrooms.
- Ventilation throughout the school.
- Students who use buses to travel to and from the academy need to wear a face covering unless they are medically exempt.
- Continued reminders to students and parents about the importance of testing and reporting the results, even if they are negative.

**Your child should continue to attend school unless:**

- They have tested positive for COVID 19.
- They have a new continuous cough.
- They have a high temperature.
- They have a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

Should your child report any onset of COVID 19 symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated whilst we arrange for you to collect them from the academy and take them for a PCR test.

**What to do if your child tests positive for COVID 19**

If your child tests positive for COVID 19 using a home test kit, then you must book a PCR test within 48 hours to confirm the result. Your child must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test result. Please ensure you notify the academy as soon as possible.

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### **What to do if someone in your household has symptoms/has tested positive for COVID 19**

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID 19, or has tested positive for COVID 19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS.
- You're under 18 years and 6 months old.
- You're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial.
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still get a PCR test to check if you have COVID 19.

### **What to do if your child is identified by NHS Test and Trace as being a close contact of an individual who has COVID 19**

Schools are no longer required to identify contacts of individuals who have tested positive – this is all done by NHS Test and Trace. If you receive a notification for your child from Test and Trace then you should arrange a PCR test for your child as soon as possible. They do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the result unless they are showing symptoms of COVID 19.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. Do:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this 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.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Regularly test and report the results.

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We thank you for your on-going support at this difficult time, and please be assured we are working hard to keep all safe in school.

Yours faithfully

**Mr S Evans**  
**Headteacher**