



Horton Park Primary
We Learn to Succeed

Covid Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and update you following the latest government guidance released last night.

Effective immediately, if school receive notification of a positive case of Covid, all close contacts who are aged 5 or above are required to take a Lateral Flow test every day for 7 days.

What has changed in school?

- If a child in school tests positive for Covid, we will notify all pupils in their class via text/Marvellous Me
- In line with new guidance, all children from Reception through to Year 6 must take a Lateral Flow Test (the ones you can do at home) every day for the next 7 days if they are a close contact with a positive case.
- Although not all children in Reception are 5 years old, we will still notify all children in the class. It is then parental choice as to whether or not you test your 4-year-old child
- Children who are identified as a close contact and are therefore taking a Lateral Flow Test (the ones you can do at home) every day for 7 days, must still attend school as normal if their daily LFT result is negative. If your child starts to present with symptoms of Covid i.e. a cough, temperature or they describe a change in taste or smell, you must take them for a PCR test at a test centre and keep your child at home until you have the result. If the PCR result is negative, they can come back into school, if the PCR result is positive, they must stay at home and isolate as instructed
- If a member of your household presents with symptoms and tests positive for Covid, all household members over the age of 5 must take a Lateral Flow Test every day for the next 7 days. Lateral Flow Tests can be obtained from pharmacies or online via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- School will not be providing tests for pupils, however if you are struggling to obtain them, please speak to a member of the school office team who will be able to support you

What has stayed the same in school?

- If your child presents any symptoms of Covid in school i.e. a cough, temperature or they describe a change in taste or smell, you will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately to take them for a PCR test at a test centre
- If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow test (the ones you can do at home) then a PCR test must be booked as soon as possible at a test centre
- If your child has taken a PCR due to having symptoms, please continue to ensure you share the confirmation text or email of the result with school
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they must remain at home for the entirety of their isolation period; please do not send them back early as they will be sent back home immediately

Please do not hesitate to contact school via one of the options above if you have any queries.

Yours Faithfully

Miss S Bahadur
Headteacher

