

Misson Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception Children

I am writing to let you know that we are continuing to get new confirmed COVID cases in your child's class. There are now 2 children who have COVID in Reception.

Thank you for following the guidance in the letter from the DfE/Public Health, which I sent to all parents on Monday. In this letter it says that children 5 years old and over can continue to come to school if they take a daily lateral flow test for the 7 days following close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID, and get a negative result each day. Children 4 years or younger do not need to isolate, or test but parents can choose to test them.

As a new child has tested positive this week, it means that all children still in school, have been a close contact of someone with COVID on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. These children will need to continue to take daily LFT tests until 7 days after their last contact with a positive case. This means 7 days from Thursday 13th January at the moment, but could be longer if we get more positive cases in the next few days.

By testing your child daily, you help prevent the spread of COVID to other children in the class, and to other families. Even though COVID is usually very mild in younger children, by knowing that your child is positive, you can prevent them spreading it to other members of the family, or friends, who could become more severely ill.

We have also noticed that many of the children who tested positive for COVID, had been ill with symptoms of a stomach bug beforehand. This may just be a coincidence but by doing daily LFTs will know if your child has only had a stomach bug, or also has COVID.

Thank you for your continued support to reduce the spread and impact of COVID in our school and our wider school community.

Kind regards

John Birch