



# Leigh and Bransford Primary School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

We have been advised that there have been a growing number confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. Unfortunately we have now had enough cases in school for it to be classed as an outbreak, and because of this we are working with the local outbreak response team (LORT).

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are taking advice from LORT and Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and **providing your child remains well** they can continue to attend the setting as normal. We will keep this under review. We are determined to ensure that there is no further interruption to pupils' learning, **so from tomorrow Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will introduce the following measures:**

- There will be no extra curricular clubs until the outbreak is under control.
- After school club will finish at **4.30pm** to allow time for a thorough clean of tables.
- Morning and after school clubs will be confined to class based tables to stop pupils mixing.
- Unless exempt, please wear a mask and keep distance when you are on school grounds.
- Please stick to your staggered pick up and drop off times to minimise the amount of mixing.
- We ask that from tomorrow morning you complete 7 day LFT testing with your children – please see detail of this below.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has advised that it is important for anyone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 to complete daily testing so we can prevent its spread. **Based on this, your child will be required to complete 7-day LFD testing.**

Local LFD collection points can be accessed here [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#). Please also carefully follow the guidance on [how to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).

Please complete LFD tests with your child in the morning before school starts. If the LFD test result is positive, please keep your child at home and follow the stay at home guidance

Due to there being cases in your child's group we advise that you consider taking additional

precautions to limit the spread of infection by reducing their contacts with others outside the school/ the settings, avoiding close contact with those who may be clinically vulnerable.

**If your child tests positive please let the school know.**

**Next steps to take;**

1. Complete LFD testing with your child for 7 consecutive days.
2. **If your child tests positive they must then isolate follow the stay at home guidance** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

There are still simple things we can all continue do to reduce the risk of spreading the virus:

- 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

There continues to be additional support for those self-isolating or vulnerable as a result of COVID-19 which can be accessed through Here2Help:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> or 01905 768053 then press option 3. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

We will remove these additional measures as soon as we can it is felt safe to do so. In the meantime very many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bill

(Headteacher)