



Welton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the number of COVID-19 cases steadily increases in the area, I thought I would update you with our processes and procedures here at Welton. Firstly, it is important to say that we follow advice and guidance from Public Health England. I am in regular direct contact with them through a dedicated telephone line so all procedures in place at Welton are up to date and kept under review.

It is important that families continue to follow national advice so I think it is worth reminding you of the latest guidance:

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading:

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

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- 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
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over).

We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results> .



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What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19:

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result):

From 16 August, [you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19](#) and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, [you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible](#).

If your child displays symptoms at school, we will ask you to collect your child and request a PCR test. Please keep us informed of the result. If your child is positive, it is helpful for us to know when their symptoms started as this information helps Public Health England advise on what we need to do. As you know, school will continue as usual unless Public Health England tell us otherwise.

To reduce the risk of transmission across the school, we have been implementing extra precautions. These include:

- No whole school assemblies.
- Adults wear masks when moving about the school or in communal areas.
- Windows and doors will be open to provide good ventilation. As the weather gets colder we would remind children to wear warm clothes.
- Carbon dioxide monitors have been installed across the school to monitor the ventilation.

If there are any changes to our day to day procedures, I will let you know. Additionally, I will continue to let you know if there are positive cases in the school. In most cases, this will require no further action and children should continue to attend school as usual. Do please remind them of health and hygiene procedures such as hand washing, using a tissue and covering their mouths if they cough or sneeze.

With thanks for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Snell', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Snell
Head Teacher