



# Allerton Grange School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Apologies for another letter so soon after publishing the last one on 14 September. However, on Friday 17 September we received additional guidance from the government that I need to share with you. This guidance provides instructions for educational settings in what to do if a positive test is recorded from either students or staff. In summary, we must contact Public Health England for a risk assessment discussion, but it is likely *"In secondary settings the default position should **not** be to isolate the whole year bubble but identify contacts using internal track and trace methods."*

Therefore, before we would partially close the school for a year bubble, we would identify which students and staff who had been in 'close contact' with the infected person, and instruct those individuals to self-isolate for 14 days. That would involve the school conducting an internal track and trace process as follows:

1. Instruct the infected individual to self-isolate for 10 days and the household to self-isolate for 14 days.
2. Look at the students' timetable and identify classes during the contagious period (48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms).
3. Look at seating plans. Identify 'close contacts' as children who sat within 2 metres of the infected person during the contagious period.
4. Check friendship groups. Identify 'close contacts' as children who are known to have had definite face-to-face contact with the infected individual during the contagious period.

If your child is identified as a 'close contact' of the infected individual, you would receive a letter informing you that he/she must isolate for 14 days.

## Testing for symptomatic children and young people

The first option for COVID-19 testing is the national system, which is bookable online:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or by calling 119. If families are struggling to obtain a testing appointment or a home testing kit, then (if local) you should go to the walk-to site at the Gryphon Sports Centre at the University of Leeds, Woodsley Road, Leeds LS2 9LZ. No appointment is necessary. Finally, there is very limited capacity at the Mandela Centre (Husler Place) on Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3HY, which children and young people can attend from Monday to Friday (10am – 3pm). No appointment is necessary.

It is very important that only children and young people with COVID-19 symptoms attend for a test. These are:



- A high temperature, over 37.8 degrees
- A continuous cough
- Loss of smell or taste

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR' with a stylized flourish underneath.

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Headteacher