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Dear Parents

Due to the increase in positive cases at Newburgh, we have been advised by Warwickshire Public Health to add to our precautions in school.

With immediate effect, staff will return to wearing face coverings in communal areas, when greeting children at the beginning of the day and taking them out to meet you at the end of the day.

Adults and children above primary school age are asked to wear a face covering, if they are able to do so, when entering our site and playgrounds and when entering the office area.

Adults are reminded to keep a safe distance from others and not to congregate on site or just outside of the school gates.

**Siblings of children who test positive are asked to take a PCR test and to stay away from school until the result is known (this differs from national advice and is a local decision by Warwickshire Public Health)**

Please book online at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

When informed that your child is or may be a close contact of a case in school please follow advice and book a PCR test for them. They do not need to stay away from school (at this point but if cases rise further this may be required) unless they are symptomatic. This process has already picked up asymptomatic cases in school which otherwise would not have been known and could have further spread the infection amongst their classes.

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In addition to the PCR test, we are advising children and parents to undertake lateral flow tests twice weekly (unless they have tested positive in the last 90 days). For information regarding access to lateral flow tests see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Positive cases in school have shown the top three symptoms but also sore throats, sneezing and tummy upsets so please be vigilant for any other symptoms and consider booking a PCR test.



Assemblies in school will return to be 'Virtual'.

Year groups will be separated in the lunch halls.

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in twice weekly [LFD testing](#)

This advice applies while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

If you develop [symptoms](#) at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#) and follow the [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms](#).

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others at Newburgh and in the community.

Please see below guidance for if your child/anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19**

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. This should be a test taken at an NHS site (a PCR test) and **NOT** a rapid test taken at a community testing site (an LFT test).

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or online: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

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

- 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

## Further information

Further information is available at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Simpkins'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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