



Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to begin by saying a big thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support regarding COVID. I have included guidance below on the questions parents have been asking regarding COVID since returning in September:

Should my child get tested for COVID using a PCR test, if we had COVID 90 days ago?

The guidance (updated on 24/9/2021) states under the heading 'Testing after your isolation period has ended' - that 'anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, **unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19**'.

Therefore, if your child develops any new COVID symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell) within 90 days of having COVID previously, **they should be re-tested by having a PCR test and self-isolating until they gain the result.**

My child has developed one or more of the COVID symptoms, can I use a rapid lateral flow test to determine if they have COVID?

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a **PCR test as soon as possible**. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine **Therefore, a rapid lateral flow test should not be used. It must be a PCR test.**

My child has been in contact with a positive case of COVID, what should I do?

Your child should gain a PCR test as soon as possible.

From 16 August, if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19. If you are identified as a contact and asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app you may be entitled to a payment of £500 from your local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. If you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate you may also be entitled to this payment.





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My child has a dry continuous cough but they have asthma, should I gain a PCR test?

A dry continuous cough is one of the classic COVID symptoms. It can be hard to distinguish between COVID and asthma, as a cough can be common and can be dry too. A child with asthma should have an asthma action plan in place from their doctor and this should be reviewed regularly. Therefore, children should not be continually coughing if your child's asthma is well managed and under control. Parents can access advise on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/asthma/>

Your child's asthma is more likely to:

- cause a wheeze
- cause a change in their peak flow score
- improve with doses of their reliever inhaler.

Please bear in mind that the guidance states a new, continuous cough is one of the COVID symptoms (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour). Therefore, as a school we must remain vigilant to this as a symptom as we want to avoid a COVID breakout in our school.

If you or your child develop symptoms at any time, even if these are mild, you must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. Walker
Headteacher

