



# Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your ongoing support during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the majority of positive cases are currently school aged children/ young people and we are seeing an increasing number of both children and staff with COVID, we would ask that parent's/carers of children with a pre-existing medical condition which could theoretically put them at higher risk of illness from COVID (Chronic respiratory disease, Chronic heart condition, Chronic condition of liver, kidney or digestive system, Epilepsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Diabetes, Sickle cell, Genetic abnormalities) to use this time to speak to the child's clinician to get a medical perspective on the risk.

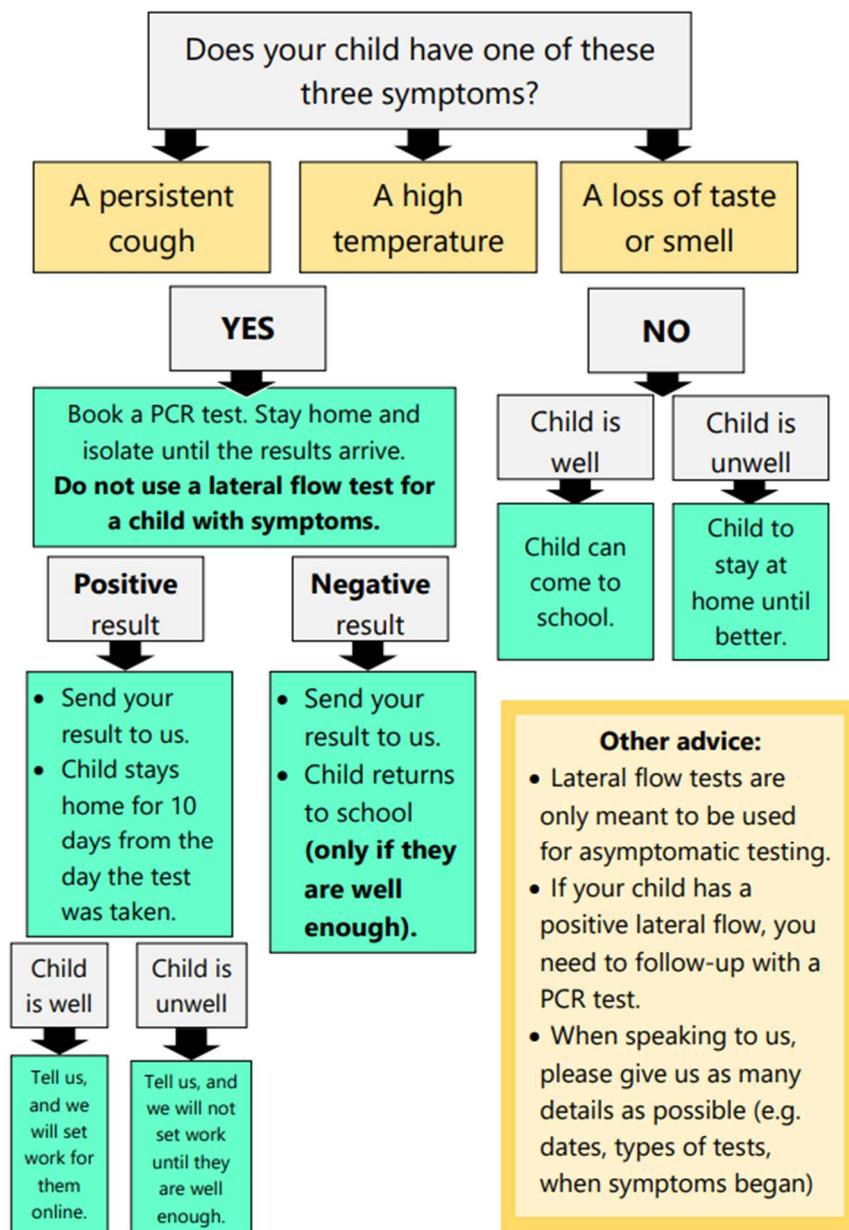
I also wanted to share with you the protective factors that we currently have in place. It is important that we take proactive steps to reduce the spread of infection, bring cases down, and minimise further disruption to education.

- We currently work in Year group bubbles and will aim to work in class bubbles as much as possible.
- We limit staff cross overs, wherever possible.
- We currently carry out assemblies either virtually or in Year group bubbles only.
- We will be limiting external visitors coming into school.
- All events where parents / carers visit schools will be virtual (this will include any planned Christmas events).
- We stagger lunch start and finish times.
- We have reintroduced staff wearing face coverings in communal areas.
- Ensure any visits out of school are to COVID-secure premises.
- Staff continue to test themselves for COVID-19 twice a week, and more frequently if they are specifically asked to do so.
- We continue to have enhanced and extra cleaning throughout the day.
- We ensure both staff and children continue to have regular handwashing throughout the day.
- We ask anyone with COVID symptoms to gain a PCR test and they must report the result prior to returning to school by emailing: [deborah.walker@mfi.school](mailto:deborah.walker@mfi.school) (As per government guidelines)
- We ask anyone who has been in contact with a positive case to gain a PCR test, but they can return to school as long as they do not have any symptoms (As per government guidelines).

Obviously, all of these factors will continually be reviewed and we will continue to work with Sandwell Public Health on this matter.



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. I have attached a simplified flowchart for your reference.



Yours sincerely, Mrs D. Walker, Headteacher

