

Dear Parent/Carer

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Confirmed coronavirus cases at All Faiths Children's Academy

A small number of individuals at school have a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19). We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formerly Public Health England).

In line with the latest guidance, the school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

Contact tracing will be carried out by NHS Test and Trace. At this stage they are not recommending that all children in the school should get a PCR Test. If, however, you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted by NHS Test and Trace, then you can arrange for your child to take a PCR test, even if they have no symptoms, because they may be at higher risk of being infected. Your child will not have to isolate while they wait for the results, but we recommend that they avoid contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

We also advise that pupils who are identified by NHS Test and Trace as close or household contacts undertake daily lateral flow device (LFD) testing while waiting for the results of the PCR test. For primary school age children, this is left to parental discretion.

You can access LFD tests by ordering kits to your home at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or collecting from your local pharmacy or test centre. You can find out where to get lateral flow device tests at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.

You can book a free PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. Lines are open 7am - 11pm.

Please continue to be vigilant for any symptoms, as is recommended for all members of the public. The most common symptoms 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 COVID19 symptoms, please let the school know. Your child should not come into school and should get a PCR test as soon as possible using the booking information above.

Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/>

Yours sincerely
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