

**Andrew Marsh-Ballard**  
**01249-812608**  
**www.priestley.wilts.sch.uk**  
**admin@priestley.wilts.sch.uk**



**Priestley Primary School**  
**Prince Charles Drive**  
**Calne**  
**Wiltshire**  
**SN11 8TG**

***'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'***

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents & Carers of Eider class

As promised in the earlier text I am writing formally to inform you that we have been informed of a positive return from Lateral Flow Test taken by a pupil within your child's bubble at Priestley Primary School. Again, apologies for the brevity the texts earlier, I only have a set number of characters that I can use.

I have this morning been in contact with the DfE, PHE and the LA to ensure that we have done everything necessary under the circumstances. Below is a copy of the letter sent from Public Health Wiltshire that hopefully will clarify what will need to happen next. Although should you have any queries then please don't hesitate to get in contact and we'll do our best to un-muddy the waters!!!

In short, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the last possible face to face contact with the possibly affected children. This would have been Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Therefore, they will need to isolate until and including Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July. With Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July being a TD Day, they will return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It is important to note that should the confirmatory PCR test return negative results then I will be in touch and the children will return to school the following day. **Unless your child starts to show symptoms, this isolation will only pertain to them, other siblings and family members will be expected to attend school and go about their business as usual.** Should your child start to show symptoms I would urge that you ensure your child takes a test and inform the school of any positive returns.

We will also be in contact tomorrow with regards to plans for the children's learning for the period of the isolation. However, in the meantime there is the homework pack available for them to access today from the school's website.

<https://www.priestley.wilts.sch.uk/copy-of-home-learning-wk-8>

**I would like to remind everyone of the need for the children to isolate and not mix with anyone outside of the household.** I would also kindly ask all parents, carers and family members to avoid discussing this case on social media or via whatsapp groups as this can often create misinformation and increase anxiety unnecessarily. Please be assured that we will contact parents should any aspect of this situation change and therefore please only rely on the school for any official news.

Yours Sincerely

*A Marsh-Ballard*

Mr Marsh-Ballard  
Headteacher

## FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE A CLOSE CONTACT OF CONFIRMED CASE

### **Advice for child to self-isolate for 10 Days**

Dear Parent/ Carer

We have become aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the **school/setting** and following a thorough risk assessment with **Wiltshire Council Public Health team / Public Health England / Department of Education** your child has been identified as a close contact of the confirmed case.

In line with the national guidance your child will need to stay at home and self-isolate until and including **DD/MM** (10 days after contact). You are asked to follow this guidance to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation, they can return to usual activities. **They must self-isolate for 10 days even if they test negative during that time.**

Other members of your household can continue normal activities unless your child or another member of the household develops symptoms during that time.

Full guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

### **What to do if your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID 19?**

If your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should arrange a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 and remain at home with the rest of the household while waiting for the result.

**If the test is positive**, the individual will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' – defined here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill with coronavirus symptoms.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If possible, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (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)

### **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **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

*Do*

- 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

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

Headteacher