



ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware over the last few days there have been new Coronavirus cases in Rugby which has resulted in some schools having to close bubbles. I have tried to collate all the information you need to support you if your child becomes unwell and you are not sure what to do.

For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness. The symptoms are:

- a new continuous cough
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell.

Please remember and reassure your child that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus

If you or your child shows these symptoms:

- **do not come to school**
- **inform the school** of the situation by phoning the school office on 543093 or using www.studybugs.com. When a parent reports any symptoms via Studybugs, you receive official guidance from Public Health England and the NHS. So you'll know whether or not you should be sending your child to school.
- **self-isolate with your household**. They need to self-isolate for 10 days. They need to isolate **WITH** household members immediately. Even if household members do not have symptoms, they may need to self-isolate for 14 days dependent on COVID-19 test result. [Follow national guidance on how to self-isolate](#)
- **book a test immediately**

What is the process to book a test?

- You book a test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.
- You will enter your postcode into the online system and it will give you options of a drive thru test or a walk thru test (figure 1) – this will be part of the call with 119.
- If you have transport available please attend a drive thru or walk thru testing site rather than ordering a home test. Testing at these sites tend to be quicker to produce results which help us to manage cases more quickly and effectively. However if you need to get a bus to attend a walk through site, order a home test immediately.

- Test slots are released every day at 8pm for the next day, regardless of working day or weekend. Test sites and availability may change.

Figure 1: Entry screen for Drive thru, Walk thru or home test.

How do you want to get the coronavirus test?

Based on your answers, these testing services are available to you.

At a drive-through test site

- you need to book your test as soon as possible
- you or someone you live with must drive to the test site by car or small van
- site staff will tell you if an assistant does the swab test for you or if you do it yourself

At a walk-through test site

- you need to book your test slot as soon as possible
- you can walk or cycle to the site (do not go by public transport or taxi)
- site staff will tell you if an assistant does the swab for you, or if you do it yourself

Home testing

- you can get a test kit for yourself and up to 3 other people you live with
- it is posted to your home and should arrive the day after you order it
- it's important that you return your test as soon as possible after doing it

My test is negative

The whole household can stop isolating and if your child is well enough and it has been 48 hrs after a high temperature resolves they can return to school.

My test is positive

You need to inform school immediately if your test is positive. During school hours contact the school office by phoning 543093 or email using admin2410@welearn365.com. Please mark it as urgent. If it is out of school hours please send me a message via Class Dojo. We want to be in a position whereby we know that a positive case has occurred before the school is open because this enables us to be able to act to self-isolate children before they reach the school and in some circumstances, potentially before they leave home in the morning.

Your child will need to isolate for 10 days and the household needs to continue to isolate for 14 days.

What will school do if a positive case is confirmed?

We will notify the parents of all children in that child's bubble that their child needs to self-isolate for 14 days. This will be done via text message and then you will be sent a letter. Home learning will be provided on Class Dojo. Only the child in that class needs to self-isolate. Therefore if they have a sibling in another class they can attend school. Only if your child displays symptoms then your household will need to self-isolate.

We will also notify parents across the school that we have a confirmed case and they need to be vigilant.

We will be monitoring the situation and working closely with Public Health England and carry out a deep clean of the affected area of the school.

Further Information

Further information is available at

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

To help us to be able to respond quickly we need you to:

- Ensure we have up-to-date contact details – phone numbers and emails
- Signed up to Study Bugs – www.studybugs.com
- Connected to Class Dojo by accepting the invitation that was sent. If you need this sending again, please email me at head2410@welearn365.com .

Yours sincerely,

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