

Stanford School



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Advice to All Parents - warn and inform

Dear Parents,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school setting.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

With Christmas fast approaching and concerns around Covid once again in the headlines, I wanted to let you know what the latest position is in North East Lincolnshire. We have a high rate of covid infections currently, with about 1,000 people testing positive over the last week in the borough (the highest number we have seen in several months). The rates of infections in school age children and young people are particularly high and many schools are managing significant outbreaks.

Public health have suggested to schools that for the period between now and the Christmas holidays they may ask parents to keep their children away from school if another person living in their household tests positive for COVID until the child has had a negative PCR test (which should be given 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms). This measure will help to bring some of the current outbreaks under control and prevent further outbreaks over the next two weeks. A PCR test can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19) (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119

Please do continue to support your school community by:

- getting vaccinated if you aren't already
- staying at home and getting a PCR test if you have symptoms
- taking an LFT test before you socialise
- wearing a face covering/ mask wherever it's crowded

It is hard to get the balance right between keeping people safe from Covid and making sure our children can have the best school experience possible. I'm extremely proud of our schools for navigating this so carefully every day.

Thank you very much for your support, and I wish you a healthy and happy Christmas.

Further Information

Further information is available at

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leona Hackfath', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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