

Portsmouth Primary School,
Portsmouth,
PO6 3JL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Confirmed COVID-19 cases at Portsmouth Primary School

I am writing to let you know that individuals in your child's school have been confirmed as cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Due to the Omicron variant of COVID-19 becoming widespread in the community, we are now managing Omicron variant cases in the same way as all other COVID-19 cases. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formerly Public Health England). The school is following public health advice to ensure good infection control measures are in place.

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 should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with regular 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. Pupils who are identified by NHS Test and Trace as close or household contacts undertake daily lateral flow device (LFD) testing for 7 days.

LFD tests can be brought home by your child from school. Alternatively, you can access them by ordering kits to your home at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or collecting from your local pharmacy or asymptomatic test centre at Somerstown Central. You can find out where to get lateral flow device tests at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.

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 (however mild), please let the school know. Your child should not come into school and should get a PCR test as soon as possible. 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.

Yours sincerely

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Further useful information

- More information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/>
- If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, they do not need to have another PCR unless they have new symptoms.
- We recommend that your child limits contact with clinically extremely vulnerable people for ten days after contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Further guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person is available at 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.
- You may be eligible for a support payment if you are caring for a child who has to self-isolate or have to self-isolate yourself as a case or a close contact. For more information, please see www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-residents-coronavirus-information/test-and-trace-support-payments/.
- Please also inform the school within 2 days of symptom onset or date of test of the positive result if asymptomatic.