



WADDINGTON REDWOOD

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the past 2 weeks, children have been testing positive for Covid-19. It is important to remember that this virus in children is usually less serious than it is in adults but I wanted to remind everyone about what you need to do if your child experiences signs and symptoms of Covid-19.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Our experience also tells us that sickness, diarrhoea, upset tummies and flu-like symptoms **may** also be indicators of Covid-19.

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

1. **Get a PCR test** (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. **Your child should stay at home** and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.](#)
Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK

If you are unsure about what to do

Get help from NHS 111 if you are worried about your child or not sure what to do.

- For children aged 5 or over – [get help from NHS 111 online.](#)
- For children under 5 – call 111.

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What to do if your child seems very unwell

Children and babies will still get illnesses that can make them very unwell quickly. It's important to get medical help if you need it.

Urgent advice: Call 111 or your GP surgery if your child:

- is under 3 months old and has a temperature of 38C or higher, or you think they have a fever
- is 3 to 6 months old and has a temperature of 39C or higher, or you think they have a fever
- has other signs of illness, such as a rash, as well as a high temperature (fever)
- has a high temperature that has lasted for 5 days or more
- does not want to eat, or is not their usual self and you are worried
- has a high temperature that does not come down with paracetamol
- is dehydrated – for example, nappies are not very wet, sunken eyes, and no tears when they are crying

The NHS is now responsible for Track and Trace. The Academy is no longer able to offer information about children, classes or year groups who have tested positive. I appreciate that this may seem difficult and sometimes may not seem logical. However, we stringently follow government guidelines and work closely with Public Health England who will inform us about any action that needs to be taken.

We continue to follow, the control measures to prevent the spread of the infection. This includes:

- good hygiene procedures;
- regular and enhanced cleaning;
- keeping spaces well ventilated;
- and following government guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



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