

**Dear mums, dads and carers**

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Thank you all so much for the messages of appreciation and support; as everyone acknowledges this is new to us all but we are getting there!

I have attended two sessions of CWAC Public Health Dept virtual training in the last days regarding what schools should do in the event of suspected and confirmed cases of Covid. The attached simple table, which has been approved by CWAC Public Health, clearly explains the procedure we must go through.

Obviously as we move towards winter it is highly likely a number of children will demonstrate at least one of the symptoms as a result of normal seasonal ill health but our guidance is that we must do things absolutely properly. We will therefore put anyone with one or more symptoms in a private room and ask you to come and get them and then arrange for a test as soon as possible. This scenario has already happened quite a few times since last week and each time the test results have been within 36 hours and all negative to date. I know that getting a test has been difficult for some people this week and have been told by PH CWAC that if you check online again couple of hours later more slots are usually available. There is a walk in test centre at Little Roodee in Chester open 8am-8pm, 7 days per week.

We must keep a detailed record of everything Covid. You will see we have set up a dedicated Covid email and text number so that you can let us know if you are keeping your child off due to one or more symptoms or to share test results with us immediately you get them; this will help us to get your child back in to school immediately if the test is negative. If we have a positive test then we must begin to work with test and trace to identify members of the school community who have been in close contact.

Sadly, the text line and email are not advice lines; I am not a doctor but the guide attached makes things as clear as possible what school and families must do in different scenarios.

Please do all you can to maintain social distancing on the pavement and carpark; emerging evidence is that the overwhelming majority of cases connected to schools involve adults within the school community; please rest assured school staff are doing all they can to keep themselves and everyone safe.

As always thank you so much for your support.

Adam Croft