



10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware; over the weekend we have had many positive cases of Covid-19 across school. We now have at least 1 positive case in each class. I am sure that you all know many people who have recently tested positive for Covid -19 and currently the rate of infection is very high.

Nearly all the cases we know about are not presenting with the usual Covid-19 symptoms but are reporting symptoms such as **cold, sore throat, feeling generally unwell, tired and headache.**

Due to the high number of cases in school we are asking you to **not** send your child to school if they are unwell in anyway.

If you have symptoms, **usual Covid -19 symptoms or those listed above**, we will ask you to take your child for a PCR test. This is because they are highly likely to have been infected with Covid-19.

If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive, they are feeling well and test negative on a LFD then they can attend school. (Please ensure they test using a LFD for 7 days after being in contact with a positive person.)

If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 and your child becomes unwell with any symptoms, including cold, general unwell, tired, sore throat and headache then we will ask you to take them for a PCR test.

If your child will not be attending school, please follow the usual procedure and telephone the school office, which is manned from 8.30am or email [parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk). We will ask you a few questions to find out the reason for absence and will advise you if your child needs a PCR test.

The links below will help you get help and advice:

To book a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



To order Lateral flow tests: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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

We apologise in advance if you feel we have been over cautious, but we want to keep everyone in school, which some may be more vulnerable, as safe as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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