

# LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There has been some miscommunication between Lancashire Public Health and the school, and local Public Health officials have been in touch to clarify the advice. I have withdrawn yesterday's letter about symptoms and close contacts and removed that letter from the school website.

Apologies for any concern which that letter caused.

There is essentially no change from the previous advice which we have become used to about isolation and testing. I have attached two helpful documents from Lancashire Resilience Forum.

## **COVID symptoms**

Pupils must not come into school if they have one or more of the well-known COVID symptoms, or if a member of their household has the symptoms of a **new continuous cough, high temperature** or a **loss or change of smell or taste**.

There may be a wider spectrum of possible COVID symptoms, and the advice from Public Health is to keep your children at home if they are ill. You can consider getting a PCR test. There is no blanket requirement for self-isolation.

## **Self-isolation**

Secondly, they have clarified today that families or households of close contacts do **not** have to self-isolate or book a PCR test. Pupils identified as close contacts **should** book a PCR test as well as self-isolating for 10 days.

## **Lateral flow testing**

Thank you for continuing with twice-weekly lateral flow testing. This is an important part of the way that we are protecting our school and community. Please keep logging your results with the school and on the government app.

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle  
Headmaster