



# Holy Trinity C of E Dobcross Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

There seems to be some confusion regarding when to take your child for a PCR test to test for Covid-19. I would like to clarify this.

As Greater Manchester has been identified as an area where the new Covid-19 variant, referred to as the Delta variant, is spreading quickly, additional measures have been put in place in our area. Part of this is increased PCR testing.

When to get a PCR test:

- 1. When your child has one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19**
  - a. High temperature
  - b. New, continuous cough
  - c. Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- 2. When your child is unwell with symptoms that are non-Covid-19.** This is due to younger children who test positive for the virus, showing different symptoms than the 3 main ones.
- 3. When your child has been a contact of a confirmed case.**

**The guidance around when to isolate has also appeared confusing and I hope the following table helps to explain this.**

<b>My child has one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. PCR test needed</li><li>b. Whole household should isolate while awaiting the result</li><li>c. If the result is positive, the whole household continue to isolate for 10 days</li><li>d. If the result is negative, return to school when well enough to do so</li><li>e. If no test is accessed, a 10-day isolation period <b>must be</b> completed</li></ol>
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<p><b>My child is unwell but they do not have symptoms of Covid-19</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Advised to have a PCR test</li> <li>b. Isolate until result is received</li> <li>c. If the result is positive, continue isolation</li> <li>d. If the result is negative, return to school when well enough to do so</li> </ul> <p>Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests are not an alternative or mechanism for early exit from isolation.</p>
<p><b>My child has been a contact of a confirmed case</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have a PCR test</li> <li>b. Isolate for 10 days</li> </ul> <p>Please note that a negative PCR test does not allow early exit from the isolation period.</p>
<p><b>My child is isolating after a trip to abroad to a red or amber country</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Isolate for 10 days</li> <li>b. PCR test after 5 days</li> </ul> <p>If the PCR test is negative early release is allowed.</p>

PCR tests can be booked on line at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/> or by

or by telephoning 119 (lines are open from 7am – 11pm).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Travis

*Headteacher*