

YEAR 4

Dear Parent/Carer

Leicester City Public Health has asked that you arrange for your child to have a PCR test because they have been identified as a close contact of coronavirus. All close contacts of cases who are over the age of 4 years are being asked to have this test to try and reduce the spread of the virus.

Information on how to get a PCR test is available at: gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

If you are unable to access a PCR test, then the next best option is for your child to have a LFD test. These tests are like PCR tests and can be done at home. LFD tests can be collected from lots of places in the city including at your local pharmacy. Information on where to pick up LFD tests is available here: leicester.gov.uk/rapidtests

Public Health is also asking that you arrange for your child to have an extra LFD test five days after their first test. This is because the first test may not pick up early infection with covid, so having two tests is more likely to pick up any infection.

Your child does not need to self-isolate and should continue to attend school whilst waiting for the result of their test if they are well and have no COVID-19 symptoms.

If the first test is positive your child will not need a second test. If your child has been tested with a LFD and this is positive then they will need to have a PCR test to check the LFD result.

If the result is positive they should follow the self-isolation guidance available at:

- nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment

If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, they do not need to be re-tested and should continue to attend school unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms. Children under 4 do not need to take a PCR test unless they have symptoms or are a close contact of a household member.

Thank you very much for your support. Understanding who might be positive and asking them to isolate is a very good way of reducing the spread of the virus – taking the test is very important to help control this virus.

With best wishes

Public Health