



# Ripponden Junior and Infant School

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## Confirmed COVID-19 cases

Dear parent/carer,

We have been made aware that there have been more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school. The most recent person was last in the setting whilst infectious today.

**This takes the current total to 8 positives in school – 4 of which are in Year 5, 3 in Year 2 and one in Year 3. Please be extra-vigilant in these year groups and if in doubt please arrange a PCR for your child. We are also waiting the results of a number of PCR tests, so this number could continue to rise.**

DfE guidance no longer allows for us to support with contact tracing, but we feel that your child may have been exposed to the virus. We would therefore like to remind you of the things you can do to keep your family and others as safe as possible for 10 days from this date.

### **If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19**

- Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in enclosed spaces
- Limit contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing if you are 11 or over
- Take part in regular LFD testing if aged 11 or over **Lateral Flow Tests are not recommended for children under 11 as they are not reliable**
- Remember that vaccination reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of acquiring and transmitting infection.

If you are in doubt, please get your child tested with a PCR test. Please keep school informed at all stages, as we need to report the number of cases. You can keep us informed by email – [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) or on the Covid-line mobile – 07399 326030.



### **If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms**

- The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:
  - New continuous cough and/or
  - High temperature and/or
  - Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell
- Anyone with any of these symptoms should stay at home and arrange a PCR test.
- If the test result is positive, the person must self-isolate for 10 days.

### **Support to self-isolate**

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, or is told to isolate as a contact of a case, support is available.

Support with practical tasks like shopping and collecting medications is available if you are unable to leave the house and don't have any family or friends that can help. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help/advice>

You may be eligible for financial assistance of £500 if you are unable to go to work because you are isolating and will lose income as a result. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/help-people-and-communities/test-and-trace-support-payment>

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



Lorraine Bamforth  
**Headteacher**

