

Coronavirus Questions and Answers



We have been informed that we have a confirmed case of coronavirus at Chace Community School. We understand that parents will be concerned so we hope you will find this document answers some of your questions

Questions	Response
How many cases of Coronavirus have been confirmed?	One case has been confirmed and it is highly likely the source came from outside the school. The infected child will now self-isolate and as a precaution members of staff and pupils will be asked to self-isolate who have had direct contact with the child.
Which year group is affected?	The case is contained within Year 11.
What happens to the classrooms the children were in?	These will be cleaned thoroughly or out of use for 72 hours. Classrooms are cleaned daily
Do I need to get a test for my child if they are self-isolating	<p>No, you should only get a test if your child or someone in your household displays any of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new continuous cough • a high temperature • a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) <p>The following government guidance is a useful guide to support you. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</p>
Why are you not closing the whole school?	We have been able to identify all the contacts the person had contact with and they are now self-isolating for 14 days in line with the government's guidance. Year groups in school are in bubbles so they don't mix with each other; this supports us to remain open. The advice is to open the school as planned with all the systems of controls in place which have been communicated to parents by letter and in whole school risk assessment .
Has anyone else come into contact with the infected person?	Our school keeps records of all those working in the school and which classes they are working in so we can quickly trace all those who have had close contact with anyone infected with coronavirus.

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<p>If my child has been told to self-isolate by the school, does the whole household have to self-isolate as well?</p>	<p>No, the advice to self-isolate from Public Health England is only for those who had direct contact. However, if anyone in your household develops symptoms they you should self-isolate along with your household and inform the school.</p>
<p>You have told one of my children to self isolate but what about my child in another year group</p>	<p>Only your child in the specified bubble needs to self-isolate as your other children have not had close contact with the infected person. If any of your children develop symptoms, then you should all self-isolate and apply for a test for the symptomatic child. You must inform the school of the test result.</p>
<p>I want to keep all my children at home if one of them is told to self-isolate</p>	<p>We understand that you are concerned but we would not be opening the school if we did not feel that the situation was contained. You are also probably aware that the government has announced that all pupils should return to school and continue their education.</p>
<p>If my child's class is asked to self-isolate what happens about their learning?</p>	<p>The school has a contingency plan in place to ensure learning can take place remotely. Students have been learning about google classroom so we will be able to seamlessly move online learning if this is the case. Details about this will be sent by the Head of Learning by email.</p>
<p>If my children are told to self-isolate by the school or Public Health England, what happens about Free s School Meals?</p>	<p>If your child is eligible for FSM and you would like to receive some provisions for the self isolating period please contact allfinancestaff@chace.enfield.sch.uk</p>
<p>How do I let the school know if someone in my household tests positive when the school is closed?</p>	<p>If you find out that a result for someone in your household is positive and the school is open, then please phone the school office immediately. If the school is closed, please email covid@chace.enfield.sch.uk This will send information to an email address that we are constantly monitoring. Only use this form if the test is positive.</p>