

Dear Parents / Carers

We are currently awaiting the confirmatory PCR tests for a few pupils who have returned a positive LFT done at home. Can I urge you to carry out the LTFs as requested twice per week and let us know straight away if it is positive.

Close contacts are those who have been within 2m for 15 minutes or 1m for 1minute, or anyone who has shared a bus to school, regardless of where they sit on that bus. **This only applies to the 48 hours before the positive test.** Consequently, we currently have had to ask over 100 pupils to isolate whilst we await the PCR results mentioned above. When we have the results we will communicate that to parents through this Parentmail service and by posting an update on the website.

There are currently two school 'buses' that are isolating as well as some other identified close contacts. When we get results of the confirmatory tests we will make it clear which bus we are referring to when letting you know whether your child can return to school or not, so please make sure you know which bus your child gets on to come to school. If your child is isolating, but not because they travel on one of those buses, we will contact you directly to let you know whether they can return or need to continue to self isolate.

If isolating your child should receive work, but please be patient if it does not appear instantly, as we are currently under huge work pressure. They should check Teams and their school emails for their work.

Please read any Parentmail communication you might receive as a matter of urgency, and contact the school should you have any query. Again, please be patient, as our staff are under a very increased workload at present.

Thank you.

Tim Gibbs