

COVID 19 - A Letter to Parents from The Government



Test and Trace

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

• You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

• Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

• If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

• Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

• If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

• If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Perranporth Community Primary School

End of Day Pick-up Arrangements

We've been back at school for 3 weeks now and have been so proud of the children and families in their efforts at following our safety measures around school - you've been brilliant! Thank you. In response to feedback, we're making a couple of slight changes to the end of day arrangements.

So, at the end of the day Y1 and Y2 children will be brought out on to the lower playground and led over towards the amphitheatre into two separate areas. Please could we ask parents to stand by the wooden climbing walls in their child's area and wait until the teacher spots you to hand your child over.

Y5 children will now leave via the School Office exit and be walked by a member of staff towards the car park to meet parents there.

That's it! All other routines will stay the same for now. We've been trialling these changes over the last couple of days and they seem to be working well already.

Thank you all so much for being patient with us whilst we're getting children ready at the end of the day. We know we're a little late some days, but it's all because we're trying to follow the guidance and keep everyone safe. Many thanks.



Walking Home

Please can we ask parents of children who walk home unaccompanied to reiterate messages of sensible walking and road safety to their children. We've had reports of some children deliberately crossing away from the 'lollipop lady'. This is obviously very dangerous and something we would appreciate parents support with. Thank you.



Coats in School

A reminder that all children should come to school with a named coat at this time of year. We often try to get the children outside for some fresh air and a run around even on damp days. To do this though children do need a waterproof coat to wear. Thank you.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

A Class Dojo post went out this week regarding the annual nasal flu vaccination. A paper copy of the letter also went home on Thursday. The vaccine has now been extended to include all primary school children. Please note this is an 'Opt In' programme and pupils without consent will not receive the vaccination. Our school visit will be on Thursday 22nd October. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for Perranporth School is:

EE142553

Please submit your consent form by Tuesday 20th October to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you have any medical questions, please contact Kernow Health Team on 01872 221105.

~ This week's attendance ~

Trevithick YR	St Piran Y1	Penhaligon Y2	Boscawen Y3	Trengrouse Y4	Trelawny Y5	Davy Y6
70 %	87.7 %	88 %	88.7 %	88.1 %	87.3 %	80.6 %

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