

8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **FOR CONTACTS/ PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 AT THE DEAN ACADEMY**

### **Advice for child to self-isolate for 10 days**

Dear Parent/Carers

#### **Isolation advice**

Following a confirmed case of COVID-19 on a PCR test this morning in our setting, we have undertaken a risk assessment and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the case during a time when they would have been infectious to others. In line with the national guidance, your child needs to now stay at home and self-isolate until 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

#### **Advice for all close contacts**

People who are isolating because they are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 are now encouraged to take a PCR test. This is recommended for contacts who don't have any symptoms as well as those who do.

Close contacts can book a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119. If the test is positive, you will be provided with further advice by the NHS Test and Trace service. Please also advise the school of the positive result at the first opportunity.

If the PCR test is negative, the close contact **must** continue to isolate until 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This is because they could still be incubating the virus for up to 10 days after close contact.

#### **Advice for contacts who develop symptoms**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate as a household and book a test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken a test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

#### **Leaving isolation and returning to school**

If your child is well at the end of the 10 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.





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Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms or test positive within the 10-day self-isolation period.

Yours sincerely

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