

**COVID-19 Update**  
**Message from Public Health**



COVID-19 in Wirral seem to be very slowly decreasing. However, they are still too high and local schools are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks. As we are also entering the Winter season, viruses other than COVID will be circulating, so schools will face a huge challenge in attempting to reduce the risk of infections spreading.

Whilst we know that infection can and does happen within the school environment, our local Public Health team has told us that almost half of all Wirral's current COVID-19 cases are due to infection within households. On the basis of this, we have been asked to issue the following guidance:

**If any member of your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, your child can continue to attend their school only under the following conditions:**

- 1. You should book them a PCR test (ideally on day 3-5 after they were first in contact with the household case)**
- 2. You should let the setting know what the PCR test result is and if positive your child must stay at home for 10 days of self-isolation.**

**Your child can continue to attend their setting as long as they remain symptom-free and PCR tests are negative.**

We would like to remind you that you can order test kits for your own household via the online service ([www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)) or by calling 119

We are recommending the above measures to ensure the safety of children and staff in our settings, to minimise the disruption to children's education and to ensure our schools remain open. Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.

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