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Dear Parent/Carer,

Update: Notts Public Health Team 14 day review of local outbreak

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation during this time.

This morning, the 14 day review of our local Covid outbreak management plan took place with Notts Public Health Team.

Today, and as a response to the letter sent on Friday, school received just over 10 new positive PCR results from over the weekend. These children are currently at home isolating, we wish them a speedy recovery.

As a result of this, and expanding on our letter dated 26th November, the Aspire and Notts Public Health Team recommendation is that children in ***all classes** are now PCR tested (as potential close contacts of positive Covid cases), to help control the transmission of this virus.

May we reassure you that Notts PHE Team wish us to emphasise to parents and children that the priority is to continue delivering face to face education. Notts PHE have reminded us today of the Government requirement for staff to wear a facemask when they step outside their classroom/office into communal areas. This is also a requirement of essential visitors to school.

As a school, we have been commended by Notts PHE, for putting in measures proactively, informing parents, and managing the outbreak to the best we have been/are doing currently. The Notts PHE Team continue to communicate with us daily and have provided the following links to share with you (see below).

Regards,
Mr Tomlinson
Head

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

[Worried about coronavirus? Tips to help manage anxiety - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/mind-matters)

[How to Deal with Children During Covid-19 | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/childrens-protection/child-protection/child-protection-19/covid-19)

*You can book a PCR test here: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19) When you book, you should register that you are doing so as a close contact upon advice from Notts PHE team, since the team have endorsed the position that the school is taking to identify contacts. Pupils do not need to self-isolate while waiting for the results, unless they become symptomatic and/or test positive, and there is no need to pick up your child early today.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test for your child if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.