



# Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School

Highfields Campus  
Marlborough Street  
Dunkirk, Nottingham  
NG7 2LE

Abbey Campus  
Lenton Boulevard  
Lenton, Nottingham  
NG7 2ET

Tel: 0115 9153273

Email: [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.dunkirkprimary.com](http://www.dunkirkprimary.com)

19th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

## **Re: Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings**

**Please keep a copy of this letter as a guide.**

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. We have just received confirmation of updated covid isolation safety measures from the Department of Education.

One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that school staff will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

### **Tell school if your child:**

- **has symptoms**
- **has a positive LFT (symptoms or not)**
- **had a positive PCR test (symptoms or not)**
- **has been asked to isolate as a close contact**

**or**

- **you are isolating as a family**

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has been supporting people to identify close contacts. However, in line with our covid risk assessment and Local Authority Health and Safety guidance we will be maintaining our bubbles until the end of the school year.

This letter sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Some of the guidance is very complicated and you have to go step by step through your family symptoms/test/contact circumstances. Please call school during the school day 0115 9153273 and we can talk through which sections of the above match and offer guidance to support you with next steps as you work with NHS Test and Trace.

Head Teacher: Mrs H Hollis BA (Hons)





DUNKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School

Highfields Campus  
Marlborough Street  
Dunkirk, Nottingham  
NG7 2LE

Abbey Campus  
Lenton Boulevard  
Lenton, Nottingham  
NG7 2ET

Tel: 0115 9153273

Email: [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.dunkirkprimary.com](http://www.dunkirkprimary.com)

## Self-isolating and taking a test

1. **If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate** – and you should tell school. You should immediately **order a PCR test** for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons).
2. If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must **self-isolate until 10 days** after the onset of symptoms.
3. **If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform school.** You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons).
4. If the **confirmatory PCR test is positive** (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace **must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.**
5. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
6. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

## Contact tracing

1. **If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test.** You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions



DUNKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School

Highfields Campus  
Marlborough Street  
Dunkirk, Nottingham  
NG7 2LE

Abbey Campus  
Lenton Boulevard  
Lenton, Nottingham  
NG7 2ET

Tel: 0115 9153273

Email: [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.dunkirkprimary.com](http://www.dunkirkprimary.com)

designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in school or childcare with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

2. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below). If you are not sure who your child has been in close contact with then we can support at school.

## Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

1. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.
2. **Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test.** If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.

## Please be aware:

**From 16 August,** if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test.

If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts



DUNKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School

Highfields Campus  
Marlborough Street  
Dunkirk, Nottingham  
NG7 2LE

Abbey Campus  
Lenton Boulevard  
Lenton, Nottingham  
NG7 2ET

Tel: 0115 9153273

Email: [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.dunkirkprimary.com](http://www.dunkirkprimary.com)

(see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

Please remember, some of the guidance is very complicated and you have to go step by step through your family symptoms/test/contact circumstances. Please call school during the school day 0115 9153273 and we can talk this through with you and offer guidance to support you with next steps as you work with NHS Test and Trace.

### **Tell school if your child:**

- **has symptoms**
- **has a positive LFT**
- **had a positive PCR test**
- **has been asked to isolate as a close contact**

or

- **you are isolating as a family**

Yours sincerely

Heidi Hollis  
Headteacher