



IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER from

Pinfold Street Primary School and Rowley View Nursery School

COVID-19

Keeping our children and staff safe at Pinfold Street Primary School and Rowley View Nursery School is our number one priority. Please see below important information regarding COVID. We are following advice from Walsall Public Health and all of our decisions regarding COVID will be led by Public Health.

Your child is unwell

If your child appears unwell in school, they will be checked for the 3 classic COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Temperature (hot to touch)

We will check your child's temperature by placing the back of our hand on their chest and their back. We will always ask your child's permission to do this.

If your child is hot to touch on either their chest or their back you will be advised to collect your child and book a test at a test centre.

If any of the above symptoms are displayed then your child and any siblings will be sent home and you will be advised to book a test at a test centre and **NOT TO DO A LFT - lateral flow device test/home testing kit**

Your family will also be advised to self isolate until the results are back.

LFTs are only intended for people who **DO NOT** have any symptoms and want to double check they are not carrying the virus.

Your child **WILL NOT** be allowed back into school until we have seen a negative test result for your child and they no longer have symptoms.

If you choose not to book a test for your child then the household will need to isolate for 10 days.

Someone else in your household is unwell

If someone else in your household or support bubble becomes unwell or is advised to get a COVID test that person **MUST** have a test at a test centre and your family should self-isolate until the result is back. We cannot accept your child back in school/nursery until you show us a negative test result for that person.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above you can contact school/nursery initially and we can advise or clarify the above.

Gentle reminder - appropriate conduct in school

When speaking to staff on the phone or in school/nursery regarding any of the above we would like to remind you about appropriate conduct. Our staff are following guidance from Walsall Public Health and CANNOT change the above advice or information given.

Thank you for your support with this.

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