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Dear Parent/Carer

## COVID-19

To help prevent spread of the coronavirus, Public Health England (PHE) is monitoring cases, particularly those which relate to new variants, and is in regular contact with Oasis Academy Lord's Hill. Since there are cases of Covid-19 across several year groups at the academy, Public Health England recommend wider testing for the whole academy in order to provide a further level of safety.

### How you can help

The academy advises your child to have a COVID-19 PCR Test. If your child has not been identified as a close contact, we are not asking your child to isolate at this point but would encourage them to have a COVID-19 PCR test as a precaution to find out if this variant has spread more widely.

To book a test, please visit [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). You will be asked to identify whether your child has COVID symptoms. If they have no symptoms, you should select 'No' for this answer and proceed through the questions until they get to the question: Why are you asking for a test?

Please select the box that says: I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional

And then the option that states: My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms

You can then proceed to book the test.

The website above will give you details on how to take the test and you will be informed directly of a positive or negative result.

**If your child has recently had a PCR positive test (within the last 90 days), you do not need to book another one unless they have new symptoms.** If your child has had a recent test using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD), we would ask that you still undertake a PCR test using the process above. Anyone in the household aged 11 and over should continue to do their regular LFD test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days).

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### **What to do if your child's test is positive**

If you agree for your child to be tested and should they receive a positive result, they must self-isolate for ten days from the date the positive test was taken, along with your household, and follow the national guidance: [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection). Please also inform the school of any positive result and in addition ensure NHS Test and Trace is completed to enable contacts to receive appropriate public health advice to avoid onward transmission.

### **What to do if your child test is negative**

If already isolating as a close contact and they test negative they must still complete ten days isolation. If they test negative and are not a close contact, they can continue to attend school.

Anyone with new symptoms should get COVID-19 PCR test through [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

Public Health advice remains the same – please continue to follow the **'Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air'** guidance as we meet others. This will help protect against all COVID-19 variants.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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