



To: All Parents / Carers

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Your Ref:

Dear Parent / Carers,

Re: Covid 19 Update

In this ever-changing landscape of Covid and trying to keep all our school community safe, I would just like to send my thanks to you all for the support you give our school.

Sandwell, like many local boroughs are seeing a spike in Covid numbers in the 10 to 14 age range, it is very difficult in secondary schools to 'bubble' year groups indefinitely without a significant impact on the quality of curriculum offer. Since last year we have an additional 120 students on site, and we have been unable to continue the set locations for year groups. The bubbling also meant that students missed out on certain curriculum offers due to the lack of specialist rooms available in their bubble. In order to protect the school community, we kept the following measures in place:

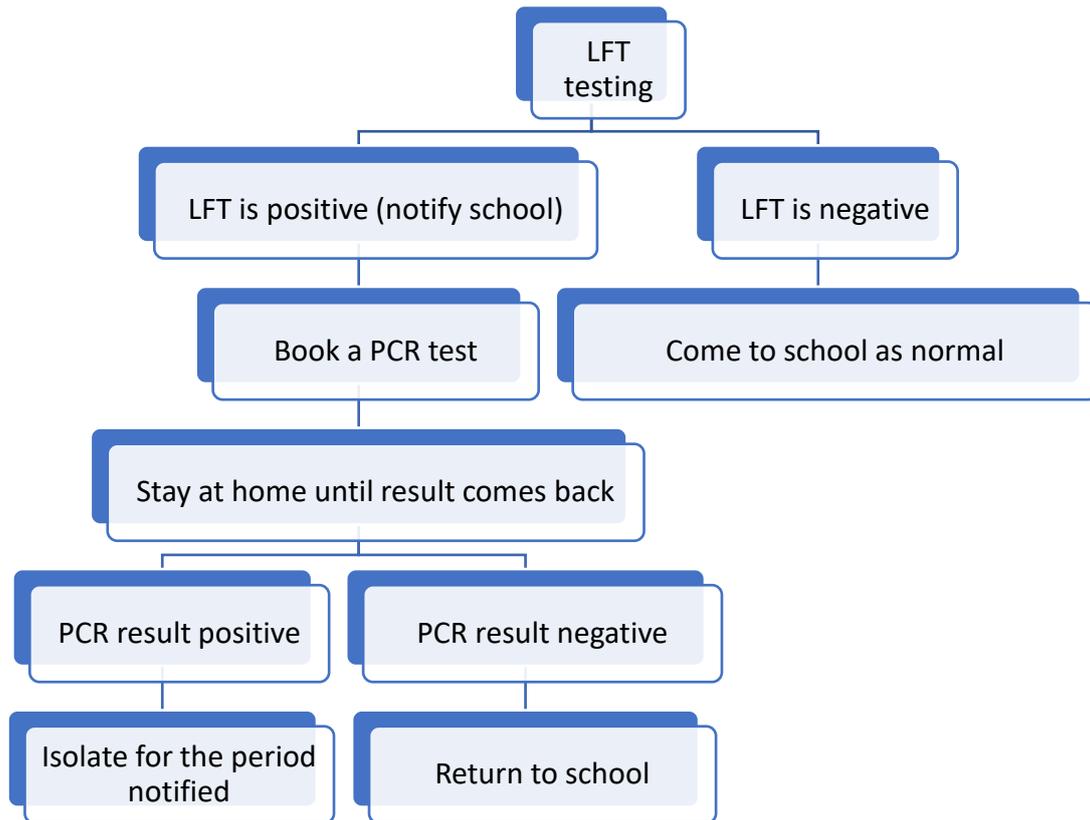
- Touch points are regularly cleaned throughout the day
- Hand sanitisers around the school and in classrooms
- Anti-bacterial soap in toilets
- Windows are open to improve ventilation
- External air cycling units are in use in classrooms
- Twice weekly LFT testing

Until October half term I would like to re-introduce some further precautionary measures as follows:

- More frequent use of hand sanitisers and hand washing by all within the school
- Use of face masks in social spaces including corridors and stairwells
- All year group assemblies will return to virtual assemblies
- Enforcing the 'keep to the left' rule whilst on corridors and stairwells

Whilst the wearing of masks is only a recommendation, we hope as parents you will encourage your children to support their school community by wearing them in social spaces.

Thank you to all parents who are supporting our community by encouraging your child to take an LFT twice a week, whilst we cannot enforce these tests it is a recommendation by Public Health as a control measure.



What happens if my child has symptoms:

- ✓ Do not send in, email covid19@gospeloakschool.co.uk
- ✓ Go online and book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or ring 119

What happens if my child is symptomatic at school:

- ✓ We will contact yourself to pick your child up asap, whilst awaiting collection students will be placed in a covid secure room away from other students and will not be able to socialise with their peers

What happens if my child is told they are a close contact:

- ✓ Go online and book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Tanner
Principal