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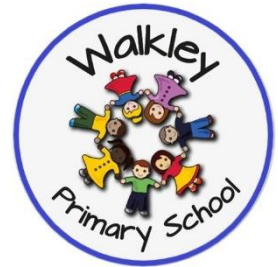
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6th January 2022

Covid – 19 Warn and Inform Letter to Y5 Varjak Paws Parents

Dear Parents,

We have been advised that a member of staff has tested positive for COVID-19 within the Varjak Paws class. This positive was picked up through routine lateral flow testing by the member of staff. Your child has been identified by Walkley Primary as being in close contact with the member of staff.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All families of those who we have identified as being a close contact within school are being informed.

For peace of mind you may wish to test your child using a lateral flow device (LFD) test.

You can access LFD tests from: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

You can pick up tests from a pharmacy and get up to 2 packs of 7 rapid tests. If you give the pharmacy a 'collect code' when you pick up the tests, it helps the NHS match your details to the tests. Get a collect code on GOV.UK at: <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and begin isolating. Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation seven days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child has a positive test result on a lateral flow device test, but does not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for at least 7 days. On day 6 of the isolation take a Lateral Flow Device test and if this returns a negative result along with a further negative LFD test on day 7, your child can leave isolation and return to school. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via: Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)

From 16 August 2021, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have received 2 doses of vaccination with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Thank you once again for your support

Yours sincerely

Mr Wallis
Acting Headteacher