

## St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to update families that there has been a recent increase in the number of staff testing positive for Covid and as a result we now have a number of staff isolating. In response to this staff have been advised to wear face coverings in all communal areas until further notice. We continue to prioritise good ventilation and hand hygiene protocols.

We are following guidance from Sunderland City Council's Public Health Team and they have advised we share the following information with families:

Can we ask that **if your child has any of the main Covid symptoms that they should remain at home and request a PCR test.** They **must not attend school or the office** if they are symptomatic or have a positive PCR Test. Symptoms or a positive test should be reported to the school as soon as possible. If the PCR test is negative and your child is well enough to return to school they can do so. A reminder the main symptoms are: high temperature, continuous cough, sudden loss/change of taste or smell.

Please also remember that even where your child does not have symptoms a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) test can be completed to help manage the risk of infection. LFTs are still available free of charge and can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. If your child feels unwell and does not test positive for Covid they may still stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.



[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK](#)

Order rapid lateral flow tests online. You can order one pack every 3 days. A pack contains 7 tests. Your test pack will usually arrive within 3 days.  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Where an individual is;

1. Displaying COVID-19 symptoms or have a positive PCR test - they must stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they can take a LFT, followed by another the next day – if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine.

**If you would like further guidance please follow this link:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Best wishes,

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