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Principal: Mrs Lisa Allott

Dear Parent / Carer

I'm contacting you with important information related to cases of Covid-19 at Outwood Academy Freeston.

We have been informed by Public Health England (PHE) and Wakefield Council that a number of Covid-19 cases have been identified in Year 10.

At the time the initial positive results were confirmed, we asked close contacts to isolate.

We want to do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus in the community and the wider district. This is why we are writing to all parents of students who have been asked to isolate as close contacts, asking them to seek a PCR test at their nearest local testing site.

Details of how to access testing are provided at the end of this letter. When booking you can either state that you are a contact of someone with COVID-19, or that the local authority has asked you to get tested.

I understand you may be concerned about this, but please be reassured we are writing as a precaution to reduce the spread of the virus. Whilst the risk of serious illness from Covid-19 is unlikely in children and younger adult age groups, it can still be a very unpleasant virus.

If your child tests positive on PCR then the whole household will need to self-isolate for ten days. If your child tests negative on the PCR test taken **whilst already isolating** your child will still need to isolate until the date previously notified by the academy. Also, please remember to inform us of this result.

Please do remember the importance of hands, face, space, and where possible meet people outside your household outside or in well-ventilated places. All adults over 18 are now able to book their COVID-19 vaccination, so please do book your appointment without delay.

Thank you for your cooperation and for playing your part in reducing the spread of the virus.

Yours faithfully



Lisa Allott  
Principal

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## Getting a COVID-19 test

### PCR tests for Wakefield residents

Test sites are at the former Westgate Station Car Park (WFI IXP) and Castleford Swimming Pool (WFI0 5DX). These sites are open from 8am – 8pm and from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June no appointment is required (although you can book online if you prefer).

This week mobile testing units are available at:

- The King's School, Pontefract, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June – **no appointment required for this test site**
- South Elmsall Market 9am-3pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Wakefield Sports and Social Club 9am-3pm 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Hemsworth Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church 9am – 3pm 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Trinity RLFC 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Carleton Community Centre, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June

For most mobile units apart from the King's School, you do need to make an appointment. You can do this by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you live in a different local authority then please visit the web link above or look on your local authority's website for advice.

Please remember, if you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately [self-isolate](#). Do not leave home until you get your test results, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

### A reminder of guidance for meeting other people:

- Up to 6 people or two households can mix indoors.
- Up to 6 people or two households can stay overnight in somebody's home.
- Up to 30 people can mix outdoors.
- Hugging friends and family is allowed, but please consider the vulnerability of people you hug and the people they are in contact with