

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, we have had a small number of Covid-19 symptom related illnesses within school. We as a school will always notify your class bubble if any children within that year group display such symptoms and require a covid test, alerting you to the result as soon as it becomes available. I am pleased to say that all tests have so far been negative but as government guidelines stipulate, they are a necessary measure to ensure the safety of all.

I am aware that for the moment testing or indeed receiving the results of tests can prove to take longer than expected. During this time whilst children are at home they are able to access our online learning resources, Mathletics, TT Rockstars and Purple Mash whilst maintaining their reading and spelling practice.

Please remember to always inform school if your child is absent, specifying the nature of their absence and details of any illness. The main coronavirus symptoms to be aware of are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Listed below from the NHS is useful information if your child or family member display 1 of the above covid related symptoms and should require a covid test.

### **COVID-19 Testing in Cheshire – what you need to know**

Information about testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing all the time. We've created this quick reference guide for local key workers and residents who are living and working in Cheshire which will be regularly updated on our website.

#### **How to get tested in Cheshire**

Testing is currently by appointment only and the correct booking procedures must be followed in order to avoid being turned away. There are two self-referral options for Key Workers and symptomatic residents in Cheshire which can be found below:

#### **Self-referral to local Satellite Testing Centres**

There are currently two Satellite Testing Centres in Cheshire at the Countess of Chester Hospital and Leighton Hospital in Crewe.

These testing centres can be accessed by self-referring for a test via [cheshireccg.covid19@nhs.net](mailto:cheshireccg.covid19@nhs.net) you

As part of your referral you will need to provide the following details:

- Full Name
- Contact telephone number
- DOB
- Post code
- Vehicle Registration

#### **Self-referral to the national testing portal**

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

A short video of what you can expect from Testing Sites can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/JVB6TC49ss0>



As we approach the colder months, I suspect 'covid symptom notification' letters from school may increase but also appreciate that children can become unwell with non-covid related symptoms/illnesses. In this instance I advise that you follow the usual practice – if children are well enough to be in school, they should come to school. I maintain that school is a safe environment and the best place for them to continue their education.

Many thanks for your continued support

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N M Badger  
Principal of Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School