



**ST CHARLES'**  
VC ACADEMY

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been a further confirmed case of Covid 19 within the school community, and your child may have had contact with them during their infectious period.

Although, schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of Covid - this is done by the national Test and Trace system, we wanted to let you know so that you can be vigilant for signs of illness and seek a PCR test if you are concerned.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the case to share with Test and Trace.

Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid 19 are no longer required to isolate, but they are advised to get a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms. **Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of Covid 19 or are unwell.** If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

The 3 main covid symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 deg or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Please be assured that, as a school, we continue to ensure enhanced cleaning; frequent handwashing and sanitising; ventilation; routine LFT testing and ensuring anyone with symptoms / positive LFT result stays at home and seeks a PCR test.

Thank you for your continued support,

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