

# Edukos Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you, in light of the fact that the number of cases of COVID-19 in our schools is on the increase. Your school's leaders are working tirelessly to ensure that they put measures in place to protect the school's community, whilst at the same time trying to balance this with having as little impact as possible on the education of our children. This, as I am sure you will agree, is an unenviable task. We all recognise that decisions they are forced to make have an impact on our families – it is not something they do lightly and it is always in line with the most up to date guidance. This guidance is provided to them via the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's (ERYC) COVID-19 response team or in some cases Public Health.

To that end we have received updated guidance from ERYC about how to respond should a case of COVID-19 be detected in a household. I share this content of the email below, sent yesterday, which details the new guidance.

*As we all continue to work hard to control the rising Covid-19 cases in schools, this additional measure has been approved by the **Department for Education** for East Riding of Yorkshire Council area schools and can be included in your school's contingency plan.*

*After agreement with the School's Pandemic Support Officers and the East Riding Public Health team, if someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), pupils can be advised to stay at home. If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away. If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms.) If this test is negative, the pupil can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.*

*Some children are exempt from this advice:*

- 12-16-year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago.
- Any child aged between 5 – 16 who has tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days.

*Parents/carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right to do so. We do hope that most families will understand why they are being asked to do this and will feel able to keep their child at home for a short period, especially as at least one other household member will be at home self-isolating after testing positive.*

*We will consider the overall risk assessment for the school, including the impact of critical workers and vulnerable pupils, in considering the implementation of this control measure.*

As you can see, it is recommended that this is included in the Outbreak Management Plan, that Edukos Trust have in place. Owing to our experience of when a member of the household tests positive, we have decided that we will implement this strategy, as we believe this will significantly help reduce the impact on our schools.

As is stated above, we do hope that you will play your part in supporting the schools with their efforts to ensure that the spread of the virus is arrested. By doing so, you are not increasing the risk of it being brought into our schools.

As always, we thank you for your continuing support, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Huscroft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Chris Huscroft  
CEO