

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, St Marks Primary School has confirmed cases of Covid-19, with their identified close contacts being sent home to self-isolate. Dudley Council's Public Health team and the school are keen to make sure we are doing all we can to prevent any additional cases. Therefore, we are now asking children and staff in the **year 3 – 6 class bubble to get a test as a precaution regardless of whether they have any symptoms or not**. This is due to there now being more than one case within this bubble.

If the test result is positive your child will need to self-isolate for 10 full days from their test date and your household for 10 full days. If their test is negative, they must still continue their current 10 day isolation period. Please notify the school of the test result, even if it is negative. If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days, do not get them tested again.

The national testing centres across the borough have good availability and tests can be booked through the [NHS website](#) or NHS Test & Trace App. Individuals booking a test will need to select *"My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms"*, if they do not have one of the three main symptoms. For further information on how to book a test, please see the attached guidance.

Even if your child tests negative now, should they develop a cough, loss or change of taste or sense of smell or a temperature the household must self-isolate and your child will need to be retested. If anyone tests positive, they must isolate for 10 full days and their household must isolate for 10 full days from the first day of symptoms.

We hope you understand that this new measure is important to help keep your family, the school and your local community safe.

Yours sincerely

Dudley Council's Public Health Team

## **How to book a test online**

1. Visit this website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
2. Select: "no, none of these symptoms"

### **Does the person who needs a test have coronavirus symptoms?**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

- Yes, at least one of these symptoms
- No, none of these symptoms

**Continue**

3. Select: "no" the person is not an essential worker

### **Is the person who needs a test an essential worker?**

Essential workers include NHS staff, teachers and transport staff. Check the [full list of essential workers on GOV.UK](#).

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Continue**

4. Select: “no” you are not part of a trial

## Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?

For example, they live or work in Liverpool and are taking part in city-wide testing

- Yes
- No

Continue

5. Select “my local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms”

## Why are you asking for a test?

- I've been told to get another coronavirus test
- I'm ordering for someone I live with who has coronavirus symptoms
- My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- I'm part of the National Tactical Response Group (NTRG), or someone I live with is
- None of the above

Continue

6. Complete the rest of the form with details.

If you order a home test kit make sure you post this into a priority post-box to return it. You can find where they are located at <https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>