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Public Health Update: Schools and Early Years Settings

Dear parents and carers

The number of COVID-19 infections in Cornwall continues to increase, with more than half of the total number being recorded in Cornish Schools. Because of this, Public Health Cornwall, is asking parents, carers, teachers and school staff to follow some new guidance.

We request:

- You book a PCR test if you are a household or close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case
- We are asking for household contacts of a case who attend an educational setting to take a daily rapid LFD test for 7 days

This additional testing recommendation applies to children in secondary schools and additionally primary schools if parents/carers feel comfortable in doing so.

The daily testing recommendation for Cornwall is not mandatory but designed to identify children and young people who develop COVID-19 a few days after their sibling or other household member and therefore reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms and are testing negative they can continue to attend their setting. If they test positive on an LFD test or develop new symptoms, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test.

We also request that all parents, carers and older siblings of school aged children test twice weekly, using a lateral flow test, in line with the continued government guidance.

The self-isolation hub can be contacted by calling 0203 7436715.

Kind regards
Public Health

