



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our schools and our communities safe during the pandemic, especially over the last term.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the COVID-19 case rates in Stockport are increasing quickly, in part due to the new Delta variant of the coronavirus. This variant of coronavirus spreads even more easily and is now the dominant type of coronavirus in Stockport, Greater Manchester and the North West, and increasingly so in other part of the country.

I am sure that we are all keen to try to stop the spread of the virus in our communities so that our schools can remain open to all children this term.

There are several key things that could really help us to achieve this.

1) Symptoms?

Please remember that any children who have symptoms of Covid-19 should stay away from school and take a PCR test. Symptoms may include a high temperature, a persistent cough or any changes to taste or smell. Book a test here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

2) No symptoms

I would also urge you to take up the offer of lateral flow testing for your family twice a week. **I urge all adults to take a test as soon as possible.** If anyone has a positive result they and all their close contacts need to self-isolate immediately. Then the person who has tested positive must book a PCR test. If your child is unable to attend school on Monday because they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, please let your school know so that they can establish the remote learning.

You can get the lateral flow tests from:

- Stockport libraries (Bredbury, Bramhall, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Edgeley, Hazel Grove, Heald Green, Heaton, Reddish) – See opening times at <https://stockport.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/LOCATIONHOURS>
- Fred Perry House in Stockport (7am to 6pm Monday to Friday)
- Brinnington Housing Office (2:30pm to 4pm)
- Most pharmacies - details at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

....or order them on-line

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

....or by phoning 119

3) Hands/Face/Space/Fresh air

I would also like to urge you to continue to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing as you bring your children to school and collect them. This is another key way in which we can prevent the virus from spreading.

4) Vaccination

Everyone aged 25 and over, and anyone aged 18 and over with an underlying health condition, or who is a carer, are eligible for their free coronavirus vaccination now. Please take up this offer as soon as possible – you can book: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Thank you for all your continued support in helping to keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

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