

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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To all Parents/Carers

**Re: New COVID 19 Guidance from Public Health England**

We have today received a communication from Public Health England with some new guidance as follows:-

***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.***

Your child should come home today with a new box of lateral flow tests, but should you require a further supply please do let us know.

Yours Sincerely

**James Davidson  
Headteacher**