

**Confidential**

Parents/Guardians  
of Davidson Mains PS pupils

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are writing to you from the Health Protection Team in the Public Health Directorate at NHS Lothian because of the recent cases of COVID-19 at Davidsons Mains School. As you know, the school moved to remote learning on 26 May in order to limit the spread of the infection.

At the multi-agency Incident Management Team meeting on Friday 28 May, a decision was taken to maintain remote learning and review the situation at the end of this week.

The head teacher, together with her whole team and the Education Department of City of Edinburgh Council have worked very hard to make sure that the school is organised and run in a way that greatly reduces the possibility of infection and keeps children safe while at school.

However, preventing the continued spread of COVID infection **is not something that only happens within the school and we need your help and support to stop the spread** and bring children safely back to school.

It is important that **while at home, or going about in the community**, families carefully follow the Scottish Government FACTS advice:

- use **F**ace coverings when recommended
- avoid **C**rowds
- **C**lean hands frequently
- keep **T**wo metres away from other people as recommended
- **S**elf isolate if you develop symptoms or are identified as a contact of a case
- And ensure there is plenty of fresh air when indoors.

The Incident Management Team recommend that all children identified as close contacts should have a PCR test for COVID-19 during this period of remote learning. If your child has been identified as a close contact and they have not yet had a test, we would strongly encourage you to arrange one by visiting <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing> and choosing the option "my local health protection team has advised me to arrange a test"

If you do not have access to the internet, you can arrange a test by ringing 0800 028 2816 and explaining that the local health protection team has asked you to get your child tested.

Also, if your child has been identified as a close contact, they and **their siblings should self-isolate until the child who is a close contact has been tested AND received a negative PCR result.**

**Please note that an LFD test which can be read immediately is NOT the same as a PCR test which has to go to a laboratory**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in working together to keep our children safe and in school.

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