



## THIS WEEK'S COVID-19 UPDATE – 19/09/20

Thank you once again to families who have isolated due to a child/adult having symptoms and arranged a test. It's clear that cases of COVID-19 are rising locally and we need to be even more vigilant. If your child has symptoms, please book a test ASAP and e-mail the results to: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

### CLASSES SENT HOME TO ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS – WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE IS A COVID-19 CASE IN SCHOOL?

If a child/ member of staff receives a positive test result for COVID-19, children and staff in the same class will be asked to isolate for 14 days. Following the government guidance, this will only apply to the children in the same class (if you have two children at school, one may have to isolate whilst the other continues to come to school).

If we are informed about a COVID-19 case, we plan to send a text message to parents and a detailed e-mail. Please collect your child (from their class) as soon as you can following the one-way system. Teaching and learning will continue at home – teachers are planning to carry on from where they were in class on Google Classroom. Staff will be live on video stream at 9am to start the day or there will be a video.

Please note that there are quite a number of schools in Lancashire that have already sent a class to isolate so I am expecting to have to do this at some point. Please do not be alarmed if this happens – it is a precaution and part of the bubble system which is in place to help stop the spread of the virus.

Please view the COVID information page on our website: [www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com) for further information.

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### COVID-19 FAQs

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

If your child has a new **continuous cough** or a **high temperature**, or has a **loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell** (anosmia), please follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and [arrange to have a test](#) as soon as you can to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know the result by e-mailing: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).**

#### WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD HAS CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If your child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate. Please follow the [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person.](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Blakely. [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk) or ring 01995 603454.



The poster features a woman coughing into her elbow, with a glowing yellow cloud representing the virus. The background is dark with a red glow. The text is in white and yellow on a black background.

HM Government

**CORONAVIRUS  
GOT SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED**

**NHS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR  
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR  
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT  
CONTROL  
THE VIRUS  
SAVE LIVES**