

Greater Peterborough UTC – COVID 19 Response Plan

The GPUTC response to dealing with possible COVID 19 infections

Actions in the event of a student or staff member at the UTC displaying symptoms

The UTC has been provided with a small number of home testing kits which we can give to parents collecting a child or issue to staff with COVID-19 symptoms, if we think providing one will increase the likelihood of them getting tested. These kits shall only be issued if the GPUTC believes there is a decreased likelihood of the student or staff member being tested within 24 hours of initial symptom(s) and / or a test cannot be conducted within a 30-mile radius of the student / staff member's home address.

Suspected cases are to be reported by the Principal to the Local Authority and **not** the local health protection team.

The GPUTC will insist that the individual displaying symptoms is tested for COVID 19 with immediate effect.

Parents and staff members have been informed to inform us via the normal absence protocol immediately of the results of a test. The GPUTC will not ask for evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before welcoming back children to the UTC, or staff whilst conducting the Return to Work procedure.

The self-isolation period for those with symptoms and/or those who test positive has increased from 7 days to 10 days, as explained [here](#).¹

Actions in the event of a confirmed COVID 19 case

If the GPUTC is made aware that someone has tested positive, the [local health protection team](#)² shall be notified immediately by the Principal. This team will also contact the GPUTC if they become aware that someone at the UTC has tested positive.

The local health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who's been in close contact with the person when they were infectious, and make sure they are asked to self-isolate.

Close contact means:

- Direct close contact - face-to-face contact with an infected person for any length of time, within 1 metre, including:
 - Being coughed on
 - A face-to-face conversation, or
 - Unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

² <https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>

- Proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected person
- Travelling in a small car with an infected person

A record of pupils and staff in each group / zone shall be made by the relevant Key Stage Manager and any close contact that takes place between children and staff in different groups if appropriate shall be recorded to be passed to the local health protection team if / when requested.

The GPUTC will not publicly share the names or details of people who have been identified with coronavirus unless it's essential for protecting others.

Actions in the event of a COVID 19 Outbreak

If there are 2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the GPUTC will work with the local health protection team to decide if additional action is needed.

In some cases, the team may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate as a precautionary measure, such as the whole year group. The GPUTC will take advice and act as appropriate.

Whole-school closure may not generally be necessary and the GPUTC will not consider this unless the local health protection team advises it.

If an outbreak is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to the GPUTC, we would confirm in writing to all staff and parents if this precautionary step is to be taken.

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