

Covid-19 and Test and Trace

Message relates to Government guidance as at 22 September 2020

In the event that there is a case of Covid-19 in the school and, alongside our protocols for dealing with such an event, there may be the possibility that we will be expected to provide **limited contact information** about individuals to the NHS Test and Trace programme. This may include your details, subject to the circumstances at the time. As a public body, we have a duty to co-operate with the Government's public health strategy for containing Covid-19, a central part of which is the NHS Test and Trace programme. As a result, we have a lawful basis for sharing your details under the GDPR regulations as part of our "public task". The regulations say that we can do this **where it** 'is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest' (6.1.e) and 'processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of healthcare' (9.2.i). So, we do not require your positive consent to share your contact information with NHS Test and Trace.

However, you retain the right to **object to our sharing** your (or your child's) details with the programme. This is not an absolute right, and, if you do object, we will have to balance the reasons you have given against our compliance with our public duty. If you do want to object, **please advise us as soon as possible, giving reasons**, so that we can manage your personal data responsibly.