



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of our current position in school. At present we have several staff and children isolating across school due to positive COVID tests. The school is currently working with a skeleton staff with increased procedures in place such as staff wearing masks in all communal places, increased ventilation, and no whole school mixing inside. It maybe over the next few days the children will not get books changed, their usual teaching staff and routines. The school will endeavour to give the best offer we can whilst keeping the children safe and happy.

We would ask that if any symptoms are shown as below, please book a PCR test and isolate until results are known. **It is important to note that as well as the main symptoms there can be others.** If in doubt, please contact the school office.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Below is a reminder of our guidance.

- If your child has any symptoms linked to COVID and you have concerns then you must do a PCR test. Once the test has been taken please stay at home until results are received. If results are positive inform school who will then provide home learning
- If a PCR is taken for any reason you must also stay at home until results are received. Only return to school when a negative outcome has been received and also your child is feeling better.
- Lateral Flow Tests are to test for asymptomatic carriers of COVID. These should not be used if your child has any symptoms. Any symptoms please get a PCR test.
- If someone in your household tests positive on a PCR test then please work with track and trace to advise of the next steps. Also please contact school before sending your child into school.

At present this doesn't change arrangements for clubs and 'Children in Need Day' however, we will have to evaluate how we do Christmas plays and concerts in a COVID safe way to minimise any spread of the virus. This is not a choice we want to make, but we are in a difficult position at present and our priority is always the health and safety of our children and staff. I will keep you informed of our position over the next few days.

Yours sincerely

Mr D W Hodgson