



18th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Reception to Year 5 update COVID-19

We have been informed of several members of our school community who have tested positive for COVID-19. We currently have cases in Years 1 and 6.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation, keeping a record of all suspected or confirmed cases, and we are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend school as usual if he/she is well and does not have symptoms of COVID-19.

If the number of cases meets certain criteria, we review our safety measures and implement an action plan to minimise the spread of infection. In line with the school's COVID outbreak contingency plan, we have therefore now reintroduced the following protective measures as a precaution:-

- Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors and communal areas
- Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor large group events, trips, open days and performances
- Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms
- Contacting parents to advise

We understand that there is ongoing anxiety about the coronavirus, and we are continuing to take all the recommended safety measures to keep children safe in school. Please help us by keeping your children at home if they are unwell.

- If you think your child may have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, you may wish to conduct a Lateral Flow Test, to reassure yourself that he/she does not have the virus. To order a lateral flow test go to <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
To report the result of a lateral flow test go to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If the LFT result is positive, you should arrange a PCR test and keep your child at home until you get the result. To arrange a PCR test go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If the PCR result is positive, your child must stay at home and isolate. You will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace, and they will advise you when your child may return to school. This is usually the day symptoms started (or the day of the test if no symptoms) and the next 10 full days.
- If the PCR result is negative, your child should remain at home until they are feeling well. If, however, he/she goes on to develop COVID-19 symptoms after the test, they should have another PCR test. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/negative-test-result/>
- In addition, as a school we would like to ask that if you have a family member with a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you book a PCR test for the whole family and keep your child/children at home until the outcome is known.

- In the event that the whole family has been PCR tested and there is at least one positive result, a child who is negative and well can come to school, but Public Health has highly recommended that this child takes daily LFT tests to ensure they continue to be well and to avoid transmission in school.

Kind regards

School Office