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COVID-19 News Update

Dear Parents,

At the time of writing this letter, I am pleased to report that there have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases of pupils or staff members. School is functioning very well and fairing much better than many local schools who are experiencing partial or full closures. The integrity of each class bubble is being preserved as a key priority. The class bubbles do not mix or come into contact with each other.

Although we have had no positive staff cases, the rules for isolation until negative test results have been returned have caused us genuine staffing issues. We strive to stay open and deliver a curriculum worthy of the children, but this is extremely challenging as the situation changes daily. The children have been brilliant and very resilient, but please bear with us if there is different adult with your child's class on a particular day.

This is a great school and recent success is due to the strong partnerships that we have with you, your ongoing support and cooperation -thank you.

Please can I remind you of the government guidance that we all have had to follow in respect of Covid19.

Scenario 1

If we feel that children are showing symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to smell or taste) we have to send them home and advise that they are tested. We must also send any siblings home. Children then have to self-isolate until test results are received. If a child receives a negative test result, then they can return to school. If positive, then they must self-isolate for 14 days including other family members.



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Scenario 2

If you the parent (or a sibling), have a test because you are showing symptoms your children must not come into school but self-isolate whilst you wait for the test result. If you receive a negative test result, then your child can return to school. If positive, then they must self-isolate for 14 days.

Scenario 3

If a pupil tests positive the school has to carry out a process of track and trace in consultation with the DfE and Public Health North West. Decisions are then taken as to whether any other children have to self-isolate due to the amount of contact they may have had with the individual who has tested positive. For those children who are sent home to self-isolate, they must remain at home for 14 days. A negative test result within the self-isolation period does not mean your child can return to school until the 14 days have passed.

It is imperative that the school is kept informed of any of the above scenarios. We at the school are doing all we can to keep the school environment safe but we are reliant on yourselves adhering to the guidance as indicated above.

Failure to follow the above guidance can have serious repercussions in terms of containing the spread of the virus and protecting our vulnerable staff and pupils.

We have done extremely well in mitigating the risk but if we are to protect each other and prevent disruption it is imperative that we all do our bit and follow the guidelines. This means arriving on time for school and keeping us updated with any relevant information.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Ruth Vayro