

Message for Parents and Carers

Covid Update

We are keeping the Covid risk assessment regularly under review and this is a good opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the protective measures we continue to have in place in school.

Although schools and work places are returning to something like normal, we are still aware that Covid cases are increasing in the community and many of us will know people who are being affected still by this pandemic. In school, we have had remarkably low numbers of positive cases for the size of our school and we are very thankful for this. We are sure this will be down in part to the impact of all these measures which are helping to prevent the spread of this virus.

The following actions continue to be taken:

1. Increased ventilation in all areas of the school
2. Regular and frequent handwashing and hand sanitising
3. Increased cleaning in the building
4. Promoting good respiratory hygiene by catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue and disposing in a lidded bin
5. Encouraging those yet to do so to receive their two vaccinations
6. Twice weekly use of lateral flow tests by staff

It is very important that you make sure school is informed if your children have symptoms and make sure they are given a PCR test. Please also let us know of the result.

Symptoms of COVID 19

As we will all know, the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

There have been a number of other symptoms widely reported for children who have tested positive for COVID-19. These include:

- nasal congestion or runny nose
- sore throat
- diarrhoea and vomiting
- stomach pain
- headache
- muscle ache

While it does seem that children do not get particularly unwell through this disease, we do need to be aware of these symptoms. They are of course also seen in many other bugs that are around at this time of year which does make it difficult! You may want to make sure your child takes a lateral flow test if he or she has these symptoms. If this is positive you will then need to book a PCR test and let us know in school.

We are really grateful for your continued support as we get through this pandemic and we are very aware that this disease is still out there, whilst being thankful for the low numbers of cases we have had in school so far.

The latest updated version of the school's risk assessment is available on the school website.

Best wishes

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