

DATE: 4th October 2021

Dear Parents,

I am sorry to inform you that there has been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, cold-like symptoms and in some cases, sickness and diarrhoea, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them. It would also be beneficial for you to lateral flow test your child as a precaution in case they are asymptomatic.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances) - this is done by the national Test and Trace system.

However, as a school, we will advise you if we feel that you should lateral flow test your child or seek a PCR test, based on the number of cases within a cohort. Children do not need to isolate whilst they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms or feel unwell.

We are taking proactive measures to reduce transmission within school, by re-adopting class bubbles for some year groups. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you informed as and when necessary.

Best wishes

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher