

29th November 2021

Dear Parents and friends,

Following Covid-19 updates from the Government over the weekend and further information from the Local Authority today, we have put the following safety measures in place in school, to reduce the risk of transmission and help us to track close contacts of any individuals who may contract the Omicron variant.

All school events will be risk assessed based on the current number of 'live cases' so we must be prepared to cancel or postpone at short notice in the interests of keeping our community safe.

We will be asking parents who are entering our building for nativities to take a Lateral Flow Test and provide proof of this on phones prior to the event and wear a face mask whilst in the building.

We will not be holding whole school assemblies and lunchtimes will be further staggered to reduce the number of people congregating together.

We are minimising visitors to school during the school day unless deemed essential by school.

Staff continue to Lateral Flow Test twice per week and staff room areas have been split so that we can track contacts.

We will ask you to seek a PCR test for your child if there are a number of cases in their class, or if they are displaying a temperature, cough or loss of taste/smell. If children are displaying symptoms and the weather is fine, then they may wait for you to collect them with a member of staff on a bench outside. This is to reduce the risk of transmission as well as ensuring that they have fresh air.

I wanted to share that I appreciate your support with informing us of the reasons for children's absences, as we are directed to track the number of pupils who are absent from school to seek a PCR test, following suspected symptoms or a positive Lateral Flow Test. We desperately want our children to continue to enjoy their educational experiences and Christmas traditions as we approach the end of term, however, we need to be cautious in our approach to delivering this, so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

As always, we are on the other end of the phone or email if you have any questions.

Best wishes,



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