

17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I write to you today with a brief update regarding the impact of COVID-19 in school. We have been informed by Public Health Rotherham and the local authority of a continued increase in positive cases of COVID-19 across Rotherham, particularly in school age children.

**In school, we do have a small number of positive cases again, which are on the rise, and we are ensuring we monitor and track this closely, reacting swiftly to minimise transmissions.**

At this point, we are continuing with our heightened awareness and rigour in applying the existing protective measures we have in place, whilst reminding our school community of some best practice advice and guidance in place from Public Health. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to take part in the regular twice weekly testing; test kits can be ordered here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> Can we also remind parents/carers to follow up-to-date government guidance, ensuring you do not send your child to school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and book them a PCR test. Current guidance for children can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

If someone in your household tests positive / is self-isolating, the following guidance gives good advice on how to minimise any further transmission and clarifies the current rules on self-isolation and testing: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

**Measures in-line with DfE / Public Health guidance that remain in school:**

\*Hand hygiene measures continue to be to an extremely high standard, with staff physically witnessing children washing / sanitising at those key points throughout the day.

\*Ventilation - doors and windows, external where possible to remain open. **Each classroom now has a specifically designed CO2 monitor which identifies if increased ventilation and fresh air is needed to create a safer environment and minimise the risk of particles 'hanging around' in poorly ventilated areas.**

\*Cleaning procedures continue to be to an extremely high standard, with enhanced cleaning measures in place. **This includes regular 'fogging' of whole classrooms as well as enhanced cleaning of touch points and high use areas.**

\*Testing – staff continue to take part in the twice weekly LFD testing. Parents/carers are encouraged to take part in this also.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me or the school office at any time. Thank you for your continued support.



Mr Holmes  
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