



COVID UPDATE

5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support since we returned to school in September. We have appreciated your patience and understanding as we attempted to return to some form of normality. I believe that, thanks to the hard work of the staff and the support of the parent body, we have largely been successful in this mission. I want to reassure you that we have in place a robust risk assessment and outbreak management plan, which includes:

Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
Staff carrying out at least twice weekly lateral flow tests.

However, as cases rise in Manchester and in the local community, we have been advised by the Director of Public Health for Manchester that we need to put in place some enhanced measures. These measures are temporary and will be reviewed fortnightly.

These are:

All visitors into the school building will be required to wear a face covering unless they are medically exempt.

Parents should keep a social distance from each other at drop off and collection times.

Parents should keep a social distance from staff when talking to them.

Adults and children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) who are household contacts of a person testing positive for COVID-19 must carry out daily lateral flow tests for a period of 10 days after the onset of symptoms (or a positive test if they are asymptomatic). Children must only attend school if the daily test is negative. The only people not required to take part are those that have tested positive using a PCR test in the previous 90 days.



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If you are unsure whether this applies to you or your child, please telephone the office and speak to either Mandy or Shauna before bringing your child to school.

Can I also remind you that if your child has the main symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend school and must have a PCR test. Children displaying the wider COVID-19 symptoms must have a negative lateral flow test before attending school.

As we progress towards winter, we will see more children in school with symptoms, and it is therefore vital that we are able to get hold of parents to collect their child. If you change your mobile number or need to give us an additional contact number you can do this on Arbor or speak to Mandy or Shauna.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Charmain May
Principal

