

13th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Since Mrs Guntrip last wrote to you on Monday, we had seen a spike in positive LFT and PCR cases across the school community over the weekend. We currently have 15 positive Covid cases. We have been in contact and are closely working with UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

We continue to take extra measures, such as increased staff testing and wearing face coverings in communal areas as well as extra handwashing, ventilation, and cleaning throughout. Additionally, as a school we are also reducing the number of visitors allowed in school and insisting that all visitors wear masks. It is important to note that the school remains open and the enhanced measures we are using at present are aimed at making sure classes do remain open. Providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

Thank you to parents who have organised either postal or in person PCR tests as a matter of urgency, this will help us find the virus and stop its further spread across the school and families. We do urge where possible to get a PCR test as these results are often back within 24 hours. We urge you to get your child a PCR test if they have any of the COVID symptoms. These symptoms of illness might just be a feeling of being unwell, sore throat, upset stomach, light cough or runny nose but Public Health England have said reacting to these 'soft symptoms' is key to finding the virus.

We want to reassure that although this is a very worrying time for all of us, we are doing all that we can to stop the spread of the virus. We want the children to enjoy this festive week as well as ensuring that we are all able to celebrate Christmas with our families.

I've attached a Warn and Inform letter with further guidance.



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We hope that you continue to stay safe and for those families who are unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Special thank you for all your support in minimising the spread of the virus in our school community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stephens
Executive Head of Academy