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Managing Covid-19 Cases – Returning after Autumn Half-Term holiday

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As you will be aware from the news and other media, cases of Covid-19 are continuing to increase throughout the country during the Autumn. In our schools, pupils and staff are all still washing and sanitising hands, wearing masks where appropriate, increasing ventilation and giving each other a little more space. As the half-term holiday approaches, we continue to seek your support to slow the spread of Covid-19.

During the half-term break, our advice remains that all families should be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 in all members of the household. You may have heard in the media that the Delta Variant of Covid 19 is currently the most dominant variant in the UK, and the Covid-19 symptoms to be aware of are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The symptoms of the Delta Variant of Covid 19 that may present either instead of, or in addition to, the main symptoms include:

- Headache
- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

Government advice is that,

- children displaying the symptoms of Covid19 should self-isolate and get a PCR test,
- children who receive a positive LFD result should isolate and book a PCR test to confirm their result
- children who are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace should take a PCR test and may continue to attend school whilst awaiting their result.

If you find that anyone tests positive on a Lateral Flow test and/or develops any of the recognised symptoms of Covid-19, please make sure that they self-isolate, arrange for a PCR test and inform



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the school office as soon as possible. By doing this, you will be helping to protect yourself, your family and your school community.

Please note that as government guidance changed (from 16th August 2021), schools will no longer be contacting parents directly if a case is notified to them as this will now form part of the NHS Test and Trace procedure. We encourage all who are contacted to take a PCR test, if advised to do so. We will continue to engage with Public Health Officials in Norfolk as and when cases arise in regard to the management of cases within our school and communicate with parents in line with that guidance.

Many thanks for your continued support. We wish you and your child(ren) a good half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Charman
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