



Learning and Caring Together,  
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

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## Covid measures update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are all only too aware, Covid is still posing an issue at local, national and global levels. As Principals/Headteachers, we are regularly briefed on the local context and advised of actions to take and advice to share with you. Currently, **prevalence in Staffordshire is above the national average and prevalence in the Moorlands is above Staffordshire and national averages**. The prevalence of Covid in our school aged children is also relevant for consideration at this point.

As you are aware, we have had essential measures in place since restrictions were lifted including: symptom and case management procedures; hand and respiratory hygiene measures; enhanced cleaning measures; ventilation; PPE for care and first aid and staff lateral flow testing.

The reintroduction of further measures, detailed on our Outbreak Management Plan, are intended to be initiated when an outbreak is identified. However, although cases in school are not of current concern, we are aware that this can change rapidly and, due to the increased prevalence in the local area, **we are now managing isolated cases and clusters more tightly to limit the spread of the virus. Recommended controls include returning to bubbles (for affected classes/areas) and limiting visitors on site.**

You have been so supportive and complimentary of our management of Covid, thus far, and I believe I have your confidence in that I will only ask children to stay at home when there is a risk to the health of others. Although notifying staff and children (parents), that they have been in close contact with a positive individual is no longer our responsibility, we are continuing to do so as part of our proactive management and to control the spread of the virus. Although we are not permitted to enforce this, **PCR testing is strongly advised, by Staffordshire County Council, for all close contacts of a positive individual**. Your engagement with this process will minimise spreading and hopefully prevent outbreaks and the need for our school bubbles to close (on the advice of our Local Outbreak Team).

Staffordshire County Council are also advising all household contacts to stay at home until their PCR results are back, if there is a positive case in their household. **We are, therefore, advising that any siblings of positive children or parents stay at home until their PCR result is through**. Again, this is not enforceable but, although I appreciate inconvenience and frustration, I am hopeful that you will continue to work together with us, as we all play a vital role in protecting each other, our families and our local community.

Your child's class teacher will, of course, provide remote education for any child that is well but off school due to Covid circumstances and you should liaise with them directly regarding this routine. If you experience any issues with this arrangement, please contact Mrs Hordern via Dojo and she will intervene.

With sincere thanks and very best wishes,



Mrs S. Machin

Principal

