

Dear Parent/Carer

I just wanted to update you all as to where we are at in school at the moment with our Covid management strategy.

We have been very lucky so far and avoided in-school positive cases, but this week the inevitable has happened and we have had to respond to some positive cases in school.

Our track and trace system has worked successfully in three out of the four year groups where there have been positive cases. For the other year group with positive cases we have had to put in place a whole Year group isolation.

All of our responses have aired on the side of caution - we don't want to take any chances with your child's health and by extension, their wider family.

Our aim is to maintain normality as far as it is possible for all other students and unless you have been contacted directly by school your child can remain confident that they are safe as they can be with the measures that we have in place.

Just a couple of things to note:

- If your child has any symptoms, please keep them off school. The official symptoms are:
 - Temperature
 - Persistent cough
 - Change in sense of taste/smell

However, we are also seeing a number of students showing the following symptoms who subsequently have tested positive for Covid:

- Sickness and/or diarrhoea
- Persistent tiredness with a headache that won't go.

On a separate note, I cannot tell you how much the positive, supportive messages that are being sent in by parents have meant to the staff in school. It is really appreciated and they have helped to keep colleagues going in the challenging circumstances we all find ourselves in.

I sincerely hope that I have no other reason to directly contact you between now and Friday.

Kind regards

Mr Steven Haycocks

HEADTEACHER

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)
Non sibi sed aliis