

24th September 2021

Alert & Inform

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

We are writing to inform you that there are likely to be cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in this next phase of living with the virus. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The purpose of this communication is to remind you of the importance of all pupils, staff and their families (regardless of age) remaining vigilant. This will help to protect their own health as well as the health of others around them from COVID-19 and, indeed, other infections.

We will continue to follow the Government guidelines for pupils and staff displaying Covid-19 [symptoms](#) and appreciate that this may be frustrating at times as the Autumn means an increase in seasonal coughs and colds. Please bear with us if we have to ask you to collect your child and arrange for them to get a PCR test. As you will appreciate, we are not medically trained and as such cannot make such judgement calls, which if made incorrectly could have a greater impact on the school community and our ability to deliver face-to-face education. Anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you or your children have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

We will not be routinely informing of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer an expectation. This is because, in line with Government guidelines, we will not be restricting the attendance of close contacts who are under 18 and 6 months or double vaccinated; only those individuals who have symptoms and/or who have tested positive or close contacts with people over 18 years 6 months who are not double vaccinated. If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next.

However, we are continuing to monitor the situation closely and will work closely with Public Health England if the number of cases escalates to meet the thresholds for considering further steps. If this occurs, then further measures could be introduced but at this stage this is not deemed necessary. The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

Please see the attached a document for further guidance on self-isolation, symptoms to look out for, testing and how to prevent further spread of COVID-19.



Yours sincerely

John DF Martin & The CHPS Team