



Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry this information will feel very last minute for some. This is a result of school receiving changing guidance from the DfE over the new year break, including this weekend. The information we receive from the DfE and LEA is often seen at the same time as the press releases the information to the wider public.

Rising Cases of Covid – Testing

Owing to the last minute guidance from The DfE, resulting from the cases of Covid rising across the country and the implication for special schools, I felt it was important to inform you what is happening in school. The guidance from the DfE is not clear regarding testing in an all age special school like ours. Online training regarding testing for Covid in schools takes place Monday 04th and Tuesday 05th of January.

Whole School Risk Assessment

Owing to the guidance being, yet again, very unclear we will continue to operate as we did before the holidays. We will therefore follow our whole school risk assessment continuing to work in bubbles. This means we will not be starting any testing of staff or pupils for Covid until week beginning the 18th January.

What To Do If Your Child Is Unwell?

It continues to be a priority to work together for the safety of all our pupils and our staff. It is therefore essential that your child **does not attend school** if she or he has any symptoms of the virus or are unwell. Please report all absences to the school office.

Should your child test positive for Covid when the office is closed you must inform school via the following email address, covidpositive@redmarsh.lancs.sch.uk

Attendance At School For All Pupils

If at this time you feel it is safer for your child to remain at home, until we have had the time to establish testing you can, if you inform school, request leave of absence for your child which will be agreed by school. If this is your decision please ring school to let us know.

Clinical Extremely Vulnerable Pupils

It is also very important to understand that clinically extremely vulnerable pupils in Tier 4 are advised not to attend school. If your child is in this category we would advise you not to send your child to school. We will ensure your child receives remote learning. Please let school know if your child falls into this category.

I know you will all continue to support us to help put the safety of our pupils, families and staff as a priority.

Many thanks for your support.

Catherine Dellow

Headteacher