

Dear parents and guardians

Update to parents on Covid-19 in Lancashire schools and colleges

We are continuing to see an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases across Lancashire reported in education settings. As many of you will know, this wave of infections has been driven by the Delta variant which is more transmissible of the variants so far.

In response to this, we have increased testing across Lancashire where necessary and offered vaccinations in more convenient locations by working in partnership with the NHS. It is vital everyone who is eligible gets both doses of the vaccine as this provides maximum protection against the Delta variant.

It is essential that we continue to manage cases and outbreaks within our educational settings to protect our families and children whilst limiting the disruption to education. Following risk assessment, schools and their governing bodies may decide to close bubbles, and ask parents to isolate their children and avoid certain activities as part of controlling the transmission. Sometimes this may happen more than once if your child has been in contact with another positive case.

I would be grateful if you could support your school by following the advice provided to mitigate risk of transmission. Parents are understandably tired and frustrated by the current situation, but please have patience and be kind to staff, who have given so much over the past 18 months. Our schools have been phenomenal throughout the pandemic and we will continue to work with them to ensure they remain safe for pupils, staff and the wider community.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation. I remain hopeful that through our collective action and supporting each other, we can manage this phase of the pandemic and keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely



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