



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Wednesday, 22nd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, the pandemic is still having an impact on our school community. Please be assured that we are following government guidance; we have a risk assessment in place and abide by the current law around “When do I need to self-isolate” - there are no exemptions for staff who work in education.

I had hoped, like you, that any disruption in schools would be at a minimum by now, cases would have decreased and this horrible virus would not be impacting on our daily lives. The vaccination programme has enabled us all to return to some sort of normality but the reality is, staff and children are continuing to test positive for COVID-19 and we must all remain vigilant.

As you are aware, children do not need to isolate unless they test positive. We really appreciate your support in lowering the risk of transmission by ensuring that if your child is unwell you keep them at home and advise us **as soon as possible**, if your child has a PCR test booked and of any PCR results. If your result comes back at the weekend, please remember to email:

safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk in case we need to inform staff/parents quickly.

We will continue to notify you if there is a positive case in your child’s class so that we can all work together. Please do not send your children into school if they are feeling unwell. If you are unsure whether to send them in, we are more than happy to offer advice over the telephone. However, to help protect vulnerable individuals and to limit the spread of any potential cases, we ask that you continue to administer LFD tests at home, **and** confirm any positive results with a PCR test. I appreciate some parents may worry their children will receive unauthorised absence if they are kept at home and a negative result is reported. However, this is highly unlikely; our attendance co-ordinator, Mrs. Louise Thomas, would be more than happy to discuss this with you if you are concerned.

As a school we are determined to provide the best education we can. I have the privilege every day to see the children hard at work, enjoying their learning and playing with their friends. We are doing our utmost to maintain continuity of staff within each class and cohort, however, staff absences are inevitable. To support the classes who are most vulnerable, I am left with no alternative other than to direct teaching assistants to support in other year groups or to use supply teachers. The situation is changing daily, but rest assured that each and every member of staff is committed to supporting all children across the entire school.

Thank you, as always for your continued support and words of encouragement, it is greatly appreciated. We will get through this together.

Kind regards,

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