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Covid-19 Information

Dear Parent/Carer

This week I have attended a number of meetings and updates with Environmental Health, TTP, Chief Education Officer and Health and Safety. I want to update you regarding reporting arrangements for positive cases:

- When we are notified of a positive PCR case, either by parents or TTP, a "warn & inform" letter will be sent to the class as possible contacts of the positive case.
- If we are notified by parents, the school will provide TTP with the child's contact details.
- If there are any further positive cases in that class during the following 10 days, no further letters will be sent.
- The school has been asked to notify environmental health should there be 5 or more cases in the same class.
- The school will then be advised by environmental health of any further control measures that may need to be put in place.

As you are aware, we have been instructed that we are no longer able to continue with the staggered start and finish times for pupils.

Despite Newport's risk rating currently low I have heard that many schools have had very high numbers of covid infections this week among pupils and staff. Many of our control measures remain in place to help reduce the risk of transmission of the virus to enable society, outside of the school environment to return to some sort of pre-COVID normality:

- One way system for drop off and collection -as previously advised [here](#)
- Face coverings encouraged to be worn by adults when dropping off/picking up
- Class groups remaining in contact bubbles
- Staggered break and lunch times
- Minimal movement around the school
- No whole school assemblies
- Good ventilation throughout the school
- Frequent cleaning of high touch areas in classrooms
- Regular good hand hygiene



These control measures are now very familiar to us all and have become part of our daily routine. I am very conscious that these mitigations and new arrangements have posed some logistical challenges for parents and carers but please be assured, as throughout the pandemic, decisions are made with the safety of the whole school community at the fore and on the advice of lead professionals from Environmental Health, NCC Health and Safety and TTP. Our partner cluster schools have very similar arrangements, although all are risk assessed and site specific.

Our measures are aimed at limiting any further disruption to your child's education, stopping the spread and protecting the children, our staff and parents. This will give us our best chance to reduce transmission rates in our community and in turn decrease the likelihood of having to isolate classes due to high positive case levels or staff absence.

Please be aware that the situation for schools continues to be fluid and we will be advised weekly on risk levels and any changes that we need to make to operations – either to increase mitigations or ease them. I will, of course, inform you in a timely manner.

A reminder that gates will open for Breakfast Club at 8.10 am on Monday. There will be no entry to Breakfast Club after 8.30am.

School gates will open at 8.50am where children are able to be in class ready for a 9.00am start. Children should not arrive before this time as they are unsupervised.

Foundation phase finish at 3.15pm
Key Stage 2 at 3.30pm.

We will ensure staff are around on Monday to help with any problems – as with any change I am sure there may be some glitches until we get used to a new system.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,



Dean Taylor
Headteacher