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Friday 29th October 2021

Dear Parent/carer

Re: November Covid-19 Update

I hope that you are managing to have a super half term break and that you are all healthy and well. I am looking forward to seeing you and the children back in school from Monday. Fingers crossed, we have seen the worst of positive cases and we can again return to some form of 'normal.'

As you know, due to reaching certain criteria (below), I implemented the Outbreak contingency plan based on the advice given to me by Public Health England.

- There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period.
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10day period.
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission.

My main focus and aim was to have the plan actioned so that the year 6 children had the best possible chance of attending their Rock UK adventure. As a result of the whole Cottingham community working together, the children were able to attend their residential which I was thrilled about! At the same time, positive cases within the school were reduced and I hope that has remained so during the half term break.

From Monday 1st November, I am pleased to announce that we will revert to our September plans and therefore the Outbreak contingency plan is no longer in play. As per Government guidelines, I will reintroduce the plan if any of the above criteria are again met at any time. As always, you will be kept up to date. From Monday 1st November the following will be planned to continue:

- All classroom hygiene measures will continue to include sanitising, cleaning and ventilation.
- A reminder to parents/carers to be vigilant and ensure children do NOT attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 and to seek a test (See flow diagram)
- All visitors into the school building will be requested to wear a face covering, unless exempt to do so, and follow our visitors guidelines.
- All staff/visitors to ensure hand sanitiser is used on entry to school.
- All children will have lunch together in the hall during either KS1 or KS2 break. Hawthorn no longer required to eat in classroom.













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- Bubbles/zones no longer required on the playground. Children will be permitted to play with peers from other classrooms ('Smooga' arena timetable reintroduced as per September)
- Parents/carers attend Friday worship/other events via invitation only. We look forward to seeing you again!
- All children attend whole school worship/other events in the hall with Zoom available for any children within x10 day isolation.
- Remote learning planners made available via Teams for any children within x10 day isolation.
- All drop off/collection plans to continue including use of field gate for collecton.

Once again, thank you for your support and understanding. Please do share the information with your child/ren as I am sure they will welcome it. Please do refer to the flow chart with regards to isolation/attendance.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Scott (Headteacher)











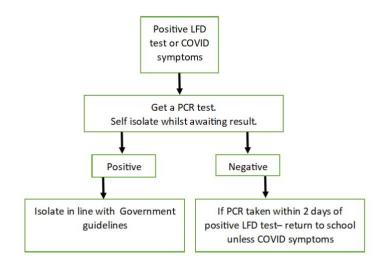


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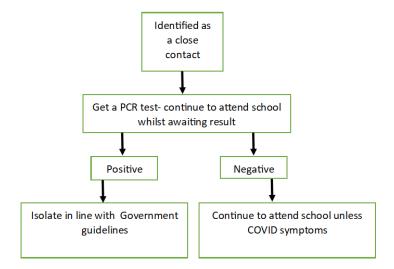
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Positive LFD test: pupils and staff (vaccinated or not)



Close Contact: Pupils and double vaccinated staff















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