

Fox Wood School

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Dear Parent / Carer

You may be aware that we have had a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school the week before half term and we want to thank you for your patience and understanding in response to our track and trace procedures.

As with every case that is confirmed, we continue to work closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority and continue to seek their advice to manage the situation effectively. We do not request that anyone conducts a re-test to return to school but anyone who wishes to do so is able to. We remain in contact with anyone who has received a positive test result and ensure they are following the robust instructions and guidance that the NHS Test and Trace service give. This makes it a legal requirement for them to follow and provides reassurance that they are being monitored on their road to recovery and back into the school community. We are following the latest Government Guidance and are reviewing the current risk assessment in relation to whole School COVID safe practice.

Moving forwards, we need to continue to work together to make sure we can provide quality education in the safest way possible and we thank you for engaging in our Home Learning Plan through Evidence for Learning and hope that any concerns or questions regarding this are answered via the Welfare Calls you are receiving or by calling school.

As a reminder, Public Health England advises parents that they should only book a test for their child if they display any of these three coronavirus symptoms. Under no circumstances should your child attend school if they have any of these three recognised symptoms:

- 1) A high temperature: any new high temperature where the child feels hot to touch on their chest or back.
- 2) A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- 3) A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Current advice from Public Health England asks that parents do not book a test if their child has a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not symptoms associated with coronavirus. In addition, only the person with symptoms should get a test – other members of the household do not need to be tested unless they have any of the three symptoms listed above. If a member of the household does take a test, all members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result. If your child has taken a test, they must not attend school under any circumstances whilst waiting for the results. Once the results are known, please contact us and let us know the outcome.

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We understand that an increase in cases will naturally make people feel concerned however, our school risk assessments and procedures for track and trace means that we can identify students and staff who need to self-isolate. As we cannot share information on each individual case, please be reassured that if we do not contact you, your child will not need to self-isolate. At Fox Wood our approach has been to contact families directly by telephone rather than sending out initial letters or messages on Social Media as some other schools have chosen to, as we believe that this is the best way forwards wherever possible. If your child is asked to self-isolate, we respectfully ask that your child remains at home for 14 days and doesn't mix with other households. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Pupils who have been asked to self-isolate but do not have any of the three symptoms listed above do not need to take a test.

As always, we would like to extend our thanks to parents / carers for their understanding and for following the advice from Public Health England.

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