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8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Based on the most recent data, Huntingdonshire as well as Fenland and Peterborough has seen high rates of Covid-19. In one day this week there were 229 new positive cases across schools. As seen nationally, we expect cases to continue at these levels and potentially rise in the next couple of weeks. The situation is being discussed and monitored closely by Public Health. In light of this significant rise in cases locally as well as a second positive linked case in year 5, we are going to reinstate the following measures at Wheatfields Primary and Preschool up until the 22<sup>nd</sup> October:-

- Staff will socially distance from each other within school buildings including in shared spaces such as staff rooms, where possible.
- Staff will wear a face covering in communal areas.
- Teaching will continue face to face as normal.
- All staff meetings will be virtual.
- All visitors to schools must wear face coverings in school buildings.
- We would ask parents and carers to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up
- All non-essential events where parents visit schools are moved to being held virtually.

All other arrangements will remain as they are now and data continues to be monitored on a daily basis. These arrangements will be reviewed after 22<sup>nd</sup> October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your proactive responses to your child displaying Covid symptoms. We have sought public health advice on the use of LFD testing for Primary aged children as we understand your frustration at them not being used for primary aged children. Especially as the new style tests instructions state that they can be used for children younger than 12. However, Public Health has confirmed that LFD tests are designed to identify positive, asymptomatic cases therefore they are **not** a reliable indicator of a positive case when someone is symptomatic. In every case where the child or adult is showing a symptom of Covid a PCR test must be taken. For this reason, the school will only accept a negative PCR test result for your child to return to school.





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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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*Wheatfields Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*





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