



18th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 13- Autumn Term 2021 - 2022

Covid Update 2

Today, we have been notified of another positive LFT result in Willow and 2 in Hazel Class (1 staff member, 1 pupil). Clearly, Covid is in and around school and we all need to take action to manage the situation. I have once again contacted the Worcestershire County Council Local Outbreak Team and am currently working with them to ensure all necessary measures are in place. I also sent home the NHS Warn and Inform Letter on Monday and it stated:

'If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace then they should take a PCR test'

I am keeping you informed of the situation as it develops, enabling you to be able to book and take a PCR test if there is a known case in your child's class.

The following information was also included in the Warn and Inform Letter:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

It is a recommendation by the LORT team for all adults to wear face-coverings during busy times of the day, so please do so when dropping off your child and when collecting from school.

A reminder again of the steps taken to protect us all:

Interim COVID Procedures

Although the Government Guidance (shown below) allows schools to remove all COVID procedures, we will be keeping some of the systems we used at the start of the year. These interim measures will be reviewed regularly:

1. Key Stage 'bubbles' maintained during Breakfast Club and After School Club
2. Collective Worship will be virtual and pupils will remain in their classrooms
3. Face coverings will continue to be worn by staff during the start and end of day routines
4. Staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests
5. Pupils will mix in Key Stage 'bubbles' at break-times
6. Pupils will gather on the playground in Key Stage 'bubbles' at the start of the day
7. Parents will collect pupils directly from the classrooms at the end of the school day and use the 'COVID' one-way system (Yellow dots)
8. Staff will be sanitizing all shared equipment or putting it into quarantine for 48 hours
9. The library and school office 'waiting room' will remain closed during these interim COVID procedures



10. Reduced visitors on site

11. Telephone appointments with parents

I would like to thank the staff, pupils and our families for their assistance in implementing the 'Interim Covid Procedures' once again.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Dean'.

Mrs Dean
Headteacher