

Update 22.11.21

Please find attached this week's covid notification letter. You will remember we are sending it weekly rather than daily due to the amount of cases in school at the moment. To put it into perspective, almost the whole school would be closed if we were still operating the bubble system.

Thankfully, the majority of children who have been affected haven't been too poorly. However, they have missed further education due to isolation and this is what we are trying to avoid.

I want to say a huge thank you to staff – primary teachers are now the only workforce who sit in a relatively confined space with 100% unvaccinated population. Unfortunately, as you will know adults who contract covid (despite being double jabbed) are often a lot more poorly and this is a real concern. Obviously, we are primarily concerned for their health but we, like lots of other schools, will run into staffing issues. At the moment it is extremely difficult to access any supply staff – either teachers or teaching assistants. This is a further concern.

As always, you have been brilliant at supporting us. Please can I remind you of the following:

- Continue to test your family regularly
- PCR test for children who have been a close contact (child to stay at home if they have any symptoms until you receive results) followed by daily LF tests for 7 days
- Continue to respect social distancing measures

Thank you for your continued assistance,

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