

COVID Protocols in Place January 2022

As return to school, we want to ensure that all of our staff, pupils and parents are kept as safe as possible. We are therefore following the DfE Guidance:

- Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell with any of the following: Cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell, and in addition to this a sore throat (which seems to be displaying itself as a symptom of COVID). Please get a PCR test done and don't send your child back until they have a negative result. Please keep in contact with us. We will send children home who display any of these symptoms
- If a child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID please get a PCR test done and keep them at home until you have a negative test result. Then please do lateral flow tests <u>every day</u> for 7 days. If it is positive please ensure that you ring and tell us straight away
- Please avoid mixing out of school if your child is unwell, to avoid spreading COVID
- Please encourage your child to wash their hands or sanitise regularly
- Please undertake lateral flow tests regularly, ideally twice a week
- In school, we will:

- keep rooms well ventilated
- encourage catch it, kill it, bin it
- send home any child who is unwell with the above mentioned symptoms
- continue with assemblies and group events on TEAMS rather than being together in the Hall
- ensure that staff are wearing masks in communal areas
- ask parents to wear a mask when they are congregating at the gate and when they enter the school building this includes the Office area

- ensure that there are heightened levels of cleaning

We will be continually assessing the situation and levels of COVID and may implement our contingency plan at short notice if levels rise, which may involve a move to online teaching.

Please be aware that we also need to monitor our staffing levels carefully and again may need to move to online teaching if we do not have enough staff to teach the children in school and the appropriate ratios. Obviously we will avoid this as much as we possibly can. Please keep an eye on your emails.

Many thanks for your support.

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