



17th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As communicated, in the week, we have had cases of 'pupil' COVID in school.

We have since been made aware of the South West anomaly of positive LFD tests, but negative PCR results, which we believe may have inadvertently brought Covid into our community. Between 11 October 2021 and 17 October 2021, 1,337 people, in Somerset West and Taunton had a confirmed positive test result. *This shows an increase of 133.7% compared to the previous 7 days.* Unfortunately, COVID has not gone away.

We ask that you remain alert for all the usual signs of COVID and therefore seek your assistance in preventing any potential outbreaks in school.

Please continue to be vigilant, if your child is displaying any of the main symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them into school and do book a PCR test. ***If any child begins to display any of the following symptoms while in school, then parents will be called and asked to immediately collect and advised to book a PCR test.*** If a negative result is received then your child can return to school, if they are well enough.

If you or your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, then you must self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if the symptoms are mild.

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

In addition to our enhanced cleaning, hand washing and ventilation, for the next two days, the following additional measures will be in place within school:

- ✓ Open morning tours of our school will be cancelled. Prospective new parents will still be able to attend the presentation in our hall but will be advised to wear a face covering and social distancing measures will be in place.
- ✓ Please note that our full range of clubs will be cancelled, for this week, apart from Y6 tutoring.
- ✓ Key Stage assemblies will take place remotely, rather than in the hall.
- ✓ Adults in school will wear face coverings, whilst inside the building in communal areas, where social distancing cannot be maintained (not in the classrooms).

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wilkins
Headteacher

