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24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Covid-19 Update 24.01.22**

I write with further information regarding the number of identified cases of Covid-19 within our school community.

Since the last letter to you on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, a further seven children and one adult have tested positive and we have two children awaiting the result of PCR tests.

With new cases identified in classes 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 today and over the weekend all children in these classes should now be undertaking daily lateral flow tests for seven days from today.

To help with knowing when the seven days should be up according to today's data please see table below:-

Class	Last identified case	+ 7 days
R	21.01.22	27.01.22
1	16.01.22	22.01.22
2	21.01.22	27.01.22
3	24.01.22	30.01.22
4	24.01.22	30.01.22
5	22.01.22	28.01.22
6	22.01.22	28.01.22

As you know as new cases emerge the daily testing regime needs to be extended accordingly; please do all that you are able to keep a good supply of LFTs at home so that you have them readily available for when needed.

**Before School Childcare Service (BSCS)**

One of our BSCS members of staff has tested positive for Covid-19 as has a child who attended on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Those of you with children who attended last week should undertake daily Lateral Flow Testing for seven days from today. Please be aware that we are now down to just one member of staff for BSCS. Whilst we would never cancel BSCS on the day, we may get to a point where we can no longer staff this provision – we will let you know at least the day before if this becomes the case.

Government guidance has changed over time and it is expected that children attend school unless they themselves have Covid-19 or symptoms of. I am afraid that I cannot authorise the absence of children who have, for example, a sibling who has tested positive. We will of course be understanding in these circumstances and will hold no-one to account over this type of absence.



In the meantime we will continue with the measures we have in place – good hand and respiratory hygiene as well as ventilation. Classes of children are being kept apart inside the building and extra-curricular clubs for this week are cancelled.

With many returners, attendance in all classes is much improved and the daily rate of infection is reduced compared to previous weeks.

We will continue to keep you well informed about the prevalence of cases at school. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any queries or concerns.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with these matters.

Yours sincerely



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