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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know the number of COVID cases is increasing in the community both locally and nationally.

This is also reflected in the increasing number of COVID positive cases we are seeing in school. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Herefordshire Public Health and following all government guidance. The safety of all students, staff and their families in our school community is our priority.

As an additional precautionary measure, we are requesting that all staff and students wear masks in communal areas such as corridors as they are moving around the school from tomorrow.

To reassure you of the measures we are implementing at school to minimise the risks of transmission, we are continuing with regular hand sanitising and cleaning of all contact surfaces throughout the school on a daily basis. In addition, we are reinstating the cleaning of desks every lesson and assemblies will revert back to being delivered on Microsoft Teams.

What to do if your child develops one or more symptoms of COVID-19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The most common symptoms are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, or has a positive Lateral Flow Test result, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be PCR tested. Book a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. They should stay at home for at least 10 days from the day they first got their symptoms

All other household members should book a PCR test. If the household contacts are over 18 years and 6 months and have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before the contact they do not need to isolate. Children under 18 years and 6 months do not need to isolate. Let other contacts know so that they can take the appropriate action.

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We strongly recommend that all adults in your household participate in routine lateral flow testing 2 x per week. You can order test kits online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> . Students are provided with test kits at school.

Please continue to help prevent COVID-19

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



Martin Henton
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