



St helens Council

13th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the last few days unfortunately, we have had a number of positive Covid-19 tests confirmed at the school. As a result of this I have had a meeting with Public Health and Local Authority representatives so we can discuss measures to stop the spread of the virus.

To help limit the possibility of further cases developing we will be introducing some temporary extra safety measures in the school during the next two weeks including:

- Suspension of some external activities such as school trips and sports events.
- Regular testing for staff on site at the school. In addition staff will continue to wear face coverings in all communal areas in the school.
- Children will continue to stay with their class bubble for lessons, at playtimes and lunchtimes
- Enhanced cleaning within the school of all contact and touch points in the school
- Staggered lunch breaks and break times for some classes will continue.
- Visitors to site will be restricted and will wear a face covering.
- Enhanced cleaning of the school will take place this weekend.
- External contractors will not be allowed on the premises, unless essential to school welfare.

Public health has also recommended in line with Government guidelines that we do a PCR test on all children, this is because the virus can be spread without symptoms.

Public Health have therefore arranged for PCR kits to be dropped off at the school for your child to be tested at home and then returned to the school where they will be collected and dropped off at a test site for a courier.

In order to help with our efforts at the school, we would ask that you would make sure that your child tests regularly at home, ideally twice a week.

We would also ask you to continue to support us to keep children safe by

- wearing a face covering on site when collecting/bringing your children
- only sending one adult to bring/collect children (other adults and older siblings can wait outside the gate)
- continue to socially distance when possible
- if you wish to speak to staff, telephone or email and we will get back to you

Regards

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(Headteacher)