



Sunday 15th November 2020

Covid - 19

Dear Parent or Carers,

I am sorry to have disturbed your Saturday evenings to share that we have had a second positive case in school. I hope that your children and family remain well and we are looking forward to working with everyone on Monday either in school or via remote learning at home.

In the last week, the number of positive cases across Havant in all settings, including education, have increased significantly. With this in mind, please can you support me with the following:

- All adults wearing face masks when they come onto the school site (outside now as well as inside).
- Continuing to not place others in danger by talking to them at distances smaller than 2 metres. Wherever possible avoid this altogether please.
- Not allowing your children to walk/travel to and from school with children from other class bubbles. If you are a parent of a child who walks home, please really emphasise the importance of this with your children.
- Not allowing your children to stand with children from other classes before coming onto the school site. The car park can be used if families arrive at school earlier than expected to maintain social distancing. The area in front of the school gates is marked with yellow lines to support everyone with social distancing in this area too.
- If you or a member of your household has symptoms, that person needs to self-isolate immediately and fully. Only 11% of people who are meant to be self-isolating nationally are doing this correctly and this is contributing to the virus spreading so rapidly. Going out for a walk or meeting one person because you feel well is not self-isolating and places others in danger.
- As and when lockdown restrictions are eased/end, please consider carefully the contact that your children are having with children from other class bubbles. I'm aware of sleepovers that took place in the days before lockdown and activities similar to this which are lovely and to be encouraged in normal times. However, they make managing the transmission of the virus incredibly challenging within school.

When identifying individuals or groups that need to self-isolate, the criteria that I have to apply is:

- Who has been face to face, within 1metre, with the individual who tested positive, in the 48 hours prior to the test being taken/symptoms developing, for any length of time?
- Who has been within 1 metre of the individual who tested positive, in the 48 hours prior to the test being taken/symptoms developing, but not face to face, for 1 minute or longer?

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- Who has been within 2 metres of the individual who tested positive, in the 48 hours prior to the test being taken/symptoms developing, for 15 minutes or longer?

I thought it might be interesting for everyone to be aware of this when considering their own interactions with anyone that they are seeing.

Thank you for your continuing support at this time.

David Bessant

Headteacher

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