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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the level of COVID infections in Peterborough is really high and we are starting to see cases within school.

It is really important that we all follow the guidance in place to keep everyone safe. This includes; the use of face coverings, keeping our distance, regular LFT testing and following isolation guidance if we receive positive test results or have symptoms.

Face Coverings

Face coverings **must be used in all areas of the school site**, unless you are medically exempt. **This includes the outdoor areas and playgrounds.** There are some parents and carers who are supporting this, but a **very large number who are not.** Please wear a face covering if you are able and distance yourself as much as possible from other families, to try and reduce the risk of transmission.

Change to isolation rules... again!

If you or your child has one of the three main symptoms of COVID 19, you must still have a PCR test; cough, high temperature or a loss of taste or smell – isolate immediately, book a PCR test.

If you have a different symptom (maybe a blocked nose, sore throat or headache) take an LFD test – isolate immediately if this is positive.

If you are taking part in asymptomatic testing using LFDs and test positive – isolate immediately.

The result of the LFD must be logged on the gov.uk website and you may be contacted to ask to arrange a PCR anyway. **Please contact school immediately if your child has a positive LFD.**

The isolation period if you test positive on an LFD is still 10 days from the day you test positive (this is day 0). However, for adults who are double vaccinated and children, this can be reduced to 6 days if 2 negative lateral flow tests are received. The lateral flows can be taken on day 5 and then day 6, if both are negative, then the person can return to work / school from day 7. The day 5 and 6 tests are optional, and 10 days isolation can be completed instead.

The local Authority have produced a helpful Flowchart about testing and isolation, which is also attached to this email.

Kind regards
Mrs Harradine
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