

12 October 2021



Holmfirth
Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Dear Parents

Further to yesterday's email regarding increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases within the school community we are writing to update you on changes we are making to our routines in line with our Covid-19 Contingency Plan and advise from Public Health.

Focus	Solution	Completion
Communication	Regular emails updating information	ongoing
Visitors to school	Only essential visitors coming into school	ongoing
Parent helpers asked to stay away until after half term	Reading groups supported by parents paused. Disco cancelled Parents asked to relay messages to staff on the playground/ phone/email	Review after half term
Communal singing	Whole school/mixed class assemblies paused No singing in classrooms	Review after half term
Use of outdoor lessons.	Continue outdoor learning sessions/ Grow to School activities in the allotment and PE all to be done outside wherever possible	Continual
Classes mixing indoors	Assemblies paused. No shared activities	Review after half term
Use of indoor shared areas – library/Tiger Suite	Only one class to use at a time. Wipe down after use (before next class enter)	Review after half term
Use of shared equipment	Shared laptops to be wiped down before being returned to the storage trolley	Continual
Toilets	Revert back to staggered usage	Review after half term
Ventilation	Open windows in all rooms when possible Open doors at playtimes/lunchtimes to flush out stale air Heating turned on to winter setting	Remind parents to send pupils in warm (layers) clothing Review in Spring 2022
Hand hygiene	Reminders to regularly wash hands – particularly before lunchtime	Continual
Lunchtime	Clean tables down between sittings Cutlery to be handed to pupils	Lunchtime staff
Staff	Staff to continue taking twice weekly LFD tests. Any staff with symptoms should immediately self-isolate and order a PCR test	Until further notice
Caretaker/Cleaning staff	Continue to follow Covid-19 cleaning instructions	Continual



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Pupils	<p>LFD test to be taken if a family member tests positive but no symptoms</p> <p>PCR test to be taken if any Covid-19 symptoms exist and pupils must self-isolate until results are received</p> <p>Follow Test & Trace instructions</p>	Until further notice
Parents	<p>Follow Government guidelines. Do not send pupils to school with symptoms – order PCR test. Follow Test & Trace instructions</p> <p>Inform school of any positive results (LFD/PCR)</p> <p>Parent Consultations to take place via telephone call</p> <p>Ensure pupils are sent to school in suitable clothing for outdoor lessons / cooler conditions in school.</p>	<p>Until further notice</p> <p>Review in February for March 2022</p> <p>Review Spring 2022</p>
Remote Learning	Teachers will post lessons on Seesaw for children at home with Covid-19 symptoms or who have a positive test result. Only if children are well enough to engage, should tasks be completed	Review after half term

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us to implement these changes.

Kind regards

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