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Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back and a happy new year to everyone. As we start another term, I am writing to update you with regards to the measures we are taking in school to deal with the current covid situation. You will be aware that we, like many other schools, experienced an increase in the number of children and staff testing positive for coronavirus towards the end of last term and this had a significant impact on provision across the school. Following a meeting with the Local Authority yesterday I can confirm that we will continue to follow and implement all of the revised guidance as outlined below. Case numbers are monitored on a regular basis and if there is a significant increase there is a clear process for us to follow in order to access additional advice and support which may involve further steps being implemented.

	We are maintaining hygiene control measures which include:		
	 Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. 		
	- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.		
	- Maintaining enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces,		
Cleaning and	throughout the day.		
Hygiene	- Ensuring spaces are well ventilated and this is supported by CO2 monitored in		
	classrooms.		
	- If any child shows symptoms, we will contact parents immediately. We will also refuse		
	access to children who we suspect of having covid, asking parents to arrange a PCR test.		
	If children display any of the key symptoms listed below then a PCR test should be booked		
	online. A PCR test for close contacts can be booked by visiting https://www.gov.uk/get-		
Testing	<u>coronavirus-test</u> .		
	A new continuous cough and/or		
	high temperature and/or		
	a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).		
	Please take note of the revised flowchart which is included with this letter.		
	We will continue to offer a full hot menu and the children will eat in the KS2 Dining Hall but		
	with a change in arrangements. They can also bring in packed lunches.		
Lunches	Children in KS1 will eat together.		
	Children in Y3/Y4 will eat together.		
	Children in Y5/Y6 will eat together		
Disative	These are taking place as usual. There are separate playtimes in the mornings for Y1/Y2, Y3/Y4		
Playtimes and			
Lunchtimes	are outside where any risk is much reduced.		
	We are limiting the number of visitors coming into school and are not planning to hold parent		
Visitors	events at this time. This means that Parent Consultations will be held virtually again (using the		
	Parents Evening System).		
	There will not be any clubs before half term but we will review this provision over the next few		
Clubs	weeks.		

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Start and end of the day		troduce the staggered start times we had in place last year but at the gements will apply. These are: Gates open Doors open Doors close as school starts and Registers open (after this point children must come in via the main office) The gates will remain open until 9.00am Reception finish	
	3.10pm	KS1 finish	
	3.15pm	Y3/Y4 finish	
	3.20pm	Y5/Y6 finish	
	All visitors/parents/car	ers coming into school are required to wear a face covering. We are also	
Face Coverings	asking for face coverings to be worn at the start and end of the school when dropping off/collecting children unless there is a medical exemption.		
Assemblies	These will continue to be virtual.		
Uniform	The children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days and on all other days are to wear school uniform Please be prepared for all weathers.		
	1	en please ensure that the children come suitably dressed.	
Remote Learning	Only those children who are officially isolating because of a positive PCR are entitled to be provided with remote learning and further information is available on the website. Staff are updating provision on a weekly basis.		
Attendance	All children should attend school as normal if they are well enough and not isolating. We understand that this may cause some concern and we will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns - please talk to us if you have questions. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including: - Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school. - Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence. - The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of COVID. If someone in your house tests positive, please inform us immediately. If a child becomes unwell or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will contact parents/carers immediately. We will then expect the process for booking a test to be followed. Please continue to inform the school each day by phoning or emailing pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. Please use this address if your child becomes unwell and needs a test at a weekend.		
Action to take in the case of an outbreak	other measures may be	be held with Public Health and the Local Authority to determine what appropriate. This may mean that certain classes or year groups are periods of time, either in school or at home, and an increase in testing.	

Our priorities are to ensure that everyone stays safe and well and to maintain face-to-face teaching in school but it would be worth having a contingency plan ready in case any classes have to close at short notice.

Thank you for your support and please continue to help us to keep everyone in our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Allen Headteacher

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For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below

SUSPECTED case if child/young person has COVID-19 symptoms

Key symptoms:

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

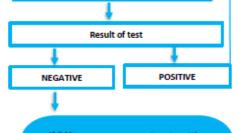
Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of Covid-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a PCR test as soon as possible online via the website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively, a PCR test can be ordered by phoning 119 for those without internet.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home until the test result is known. The rest of the household does **NOT NEED** to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 /months. or
- Fully vaccinated, or
- Part of a Covid Vaccine trial, or
- Exempt for other reason

If none of the above apply, then household contacts must isolate until test result.



Child/Young person can return to setting once well.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive PCR Test

Positive PCR Result

Inform the setting of positive PCR. Ensure child/young person isolates at home for 7 days. They should take LFD tests on days 6 and day 7, at least 24 hours apart, and if both tests are negative, they can leave self-isolation as soon as they have a negative result from the second test provided they do not have a raised temperature.

If they decide not to carry out LFD testing or if they have a raised temperature on day 7, then they should continue with their self-isolation for the full 10 days. Children aged 0 to 5 years should isolate for 10 days but parents have the discretion of doing LFD tests on Days 6 & 7 if they want their child to end isolation earlier.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive LFD Test

Positive LFD Result

Inform setting of positive LFD Take a PCR test WITHIN 2 DAYS of positive LFD - Online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by phoning 119.

Child/young person and any unvaccinated adults who are close contacts must selfisolate whilst waiting for the PCR test

Negative PCR Result

Child/young person and unvaccinated adults who are close contacts can stop isolation and can return to the setting. Restart twice weekly LFD home testing in secondary aged pupils.

Contacts of Positive Cases

Household/close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years 6 months should do daily LFD tests for 7 days. The daily LFD should be done before leaving home for the first time each day. If during this time the LFD test is positive, the individual must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Children aged 0 to 5 years who are contacts of someone who tests positive are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily LFD testing. They will be advised to take a PCR test if they are a household contact.

Household/close contacts only need to self-isolate for 10 days if they are over 18 years & 6 months and have not been fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated adult household/close contacts must isolate for 10 days.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 the positive person will need to restart/start their isolation. The rest of the family who have been isolating, do not need to extend their isolation period.

- With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.

 Face coverings are to be worn by everyone over the age of 11yrs unless exempt on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have a positive LFD test result, or if you are required to take a PCR test upon entry into the UK.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent/guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD tests.