



Head Teacher
Miss Churchman

1 December 2021

Dear Parents,

Urgent Update for COVID19 Cases

We now have six pupils in Upper Key Stage Two who have tested positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period. This means we are now moving into Threshold Level 2. In addition, we have three members of staff who support the class who have also tested positive.

We have been in discussion with Suffolk County Council's CYP COVID Support Team and there are some new measures we are putting in place from **Thursday 2 December 2021**.

- Chalk Hill Blue Class form a bubble with Silver Studded Blue Class due to staffing issues. The two-year groups will be kept separately, and the classroom will be well ventilated.
- All staff and children to undertake daily LFT testing. Your child will bring a pack of seven LFT tests home with them today.
- Children in Chalk Hill Blue Class and Silver Studded Blue Class to have break and lunchtimes separated from the rest of the school.
- Increased hand washing, throughout the school day.
- No visitors to the classroom.
- Children to eat their lunch separately to the rest of the school.
- At present, the rest of the school can continue to meet each other indoors at break and lunchtimes. We will be moving back to virtual assemblies for all year groups.

Household LFT and PCR confirmed cases

If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 either by LFT or PCR, Suffolk County Council and Public Health are recommending pupils undertake a daily LFT for 5 days from the date of the household members positive LFT or PCR and the pupil should then obtain a PCR test on Day 5.

Pupils can and should continue to attend school if they are feeling well and have a negative LFT.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home. Arrange for a COVID test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling NHS 119 and inform the Head Teacher.

If their test is negative, they can return to school when they are well.

If their test is positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the date after their symptoms started.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Symptoms

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

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

Alongside the 3 main COVID symptoms, Public Health have advised that there are additional symptoms associated with the Delta variant, these include:

- Diarrhoea, Vomiting, Cold, Headache

Anyone feeling unwell is advised to get a PCR test and isolate until the results come through.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house, please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.

There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continued support to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Churchman
Head Teacher