

17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important update re Covid-19

Please find attached a recent letter from Dr Janelle de Gruchy, Director of Population Health in Tameside, regarding the increasing prevalence of Covid-19 across our community.

The Delta variant of the virus is significantly easier to catch and to pass on and the increase is greatest amongst secondary school age children and adults under 25 as these groups are unvaccinated.

We have now had positive cases reported in *every year group* and have unfortunately had to send several bubbles home to self-isolate.

Home testing is now vital

Many of our pupils have been testing regularly and we are very grateful for this, however the Public Health Team have informed us that lateral flow testing at home has recently dropped significantly. This is one of the most important strategies we have to protect our school community and to avoid further loss of in-school learning.

I would urge all parents and carers to ensure that their child is taking a lateral flow test twice weekly if they have no symptoms. If your child does display symptoms (*including headache, sore throat and runny nose*), please inform school straight away and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

There is a button on our school website which you can click to report a positive test (lateral flow or PCR) at any time of day or night.



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REPORT A COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST

REMOTE LEARNING SOS

REPORT A LFD NEGATIVE/VOID RESULT

Updated national guidance now advises that all pupils who are identified as a close contact of someone testing positive should take a PCR test early in the 10-day self-isolation period, even if they do not have any symptoms. This is because PCR tests are much more sensitive than lateral flow tests and can pick up positive cases much earlier.

Hopefully, cases across Tameside will soon start to decrease and disruption to learning, along with the pressure on parents who have to organise additional childcare, will diminish.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

Best wishes, keep safe.

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