



18th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Brief Update – COVID 19

You may have seen from this morning's text that yesterday evening Mrs Cousins unfortunately tested positive for COVID-19 and as a result will not be in school this week. With no significant symptoms at the moment we look forward to welcoming her back soon.

While numbers of COVID cases in Devon still sit below the average for the rest of England, these remain higher than they have in this area for some time. We see the impact of this as a number of staff members have close family with positive diagnosis at present and they are testing daily as required to in such circumstances. Furthermore some local schools are seeing significant levels of the infection among their pupils with lots of self-isolating going on.

It is important that we are not alarmed by these experiences as for most people the risks associated with the current COVID infection are low. However we are keen to encourage everyone to be vigilant around their own and their children's health. Lateral flow tests provide the best means by which to monitor this and make decisions as comfortably as possible.

We are encouraging any parents with children at home due to ill health to use lateral flow tests to rule out the possibility of COVID-19 where they are comfortable doing so. Of course these decisions remain with you as parents, and you will know best – we are not seeking to place any 'expectation' upon you.

The purpose of this letter is to continue to share the school community position and to ensure that everyone has clarity around this. We continue to have low numbers of children absent from school due to positive tests and are grateful for all of the care that you have shown in this respect.

Should you have any queries or concerns around your child's health please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or give us a call. We'll always try to make getting in touch worth your while.

Yours sincerely

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