

Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Families,

We have a growing number of children and staff that are feeling unwell. This has led to a number of positive lateral flow tests and some positive PCRs. With this in mind, it is really important that everyone makes sure that they follow the following expectations:

- **Children that are feeling unwell with anything, must not be in school**
- Children must isolate if they are displaying any of the following symptoms below and be taken for a PCR test:
 - **A high temperature** – this means your feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please be aware that lateral flow tests (LFTs) are not designed to be used by children under the age of 11 and are not a reliable indicator of whether someone has COVID-19 if they have symptoms.

An update from the UK Health Security Agency (formally PHE) yesterday evening has advised that everyone who tests positive on either a LFT or PCR test should stay away from school and isolate for 10 days. They are currently investigating why there are increasing numbers of positive LFTs being followed by negative PCRs.

We thank you for following these guidelines and helping us to keep our community as safe as possible.

Yours truly,



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