

# WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received the following information, which I am passing on to you for you to read and consider:

*UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause. Whilst the UKHSA investigation is under-way, we advise that if a pupil or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed Covid-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting, for 10 days.*

We have been very fortunate not to have had many cases of COVID-19 in our school over the past 19 months, and we have been very vigilant in teaching the children good hand hygiene. However, inevitably maybe, we may start seeing a few more cases amongst the school community as we are very aware that there has been a rise in cases locally in the Forest.

I would therefore ask that, as the advice above states, you are extremely cautious about sending your child to school if they have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. It is very wise to test for COVID-19 as a family, at least twice a week. This will help identify and stop any cases from spreading. This is particularly important as we continue to start opening more opportunities up to the children and they mix more together during break times and lunch times.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19 on a LFT test, then you must organise for a PCR test to be undertaken immediately. They should not return to school until that test result comes back as negative. I will be monitoring the situation very carefully, and as we approach the half-term break, this may act as a bit of a circuit-breaker and stop any potential spread. It is very important that you inform the school if your child tests positive.

I am aware that there are other illnesses doing the rounds in schools lately, as well as COVID-19. However, in order to stop any outbreak occurring at our school, I would ask that you continue your fantastic support and only send your child to school if they are fit and well.

If any child becomes unwell at school, we will of course send them home.

With my grateful thanks as always,

Mr C.  
David Crunkhurn  
Headteacher

