

NEWSLETTER



Covid Update

As you know our reception bubble has closed due to a positive Covid-19 test result. We continue to take advice from Public Health England, at national and local level, as well as from the DFE and government. Last week Wolverhampton local authority issued a letter that was forwarded to all of our parents. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our current restrictions in place as well as reiterating the new LA advice.

Whilst on school site it is imperative that parents and carers:

- social distance of at least 2m and wear a face covering
- follow the one way systems in place
- contact their child's class teacher through the year group email. Unfortunately staff are unable to talk to parents at the classroom doors for the time being
- do not gather in groups or wait on the playground
- leave the school site immediately after drop off or collection
- do not gather in groups outside of the school gates as this makes social distancing difficult as other parents exit the site
- do not allow their children to play on any of the playground equipment before or after school
- keep their children with them at all times
- inform school immediately of any positive test results in the family
- must book a PCR test immediately if a child or family member tests positive on a Lateral Flow test and then inform school of the results of the PCR test

New Advice from the LA

"With emerging evidence of the transmission of new variants of Covid-19 in Wolverhampton, the city's schools and other educational settings are being asked to implement additional temporary testing measures to help stop the spread of the virus. This guidance has been developed in conjunction with Public Health England.

It is now recommended that any child, pupil or staff member who is absent because of sickness, or has to go home because they are unwell, takes a PCR test and does not return to the setting until they receive a negative test result and feel well again.

For those who are reporting an absence:

If your child is **too unwell to attend their setting**, you should **report the absence, limit social contact and book a PCR test for the child**. There are no implications for other people in the household, unless the PCR test shows a positive result. If the PCR test result is negative, the child can return to school once well enough. If no PCR test is undertaken, then they should return to school 48 hours after feeling well again."