

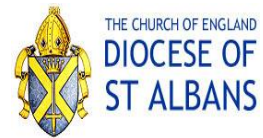


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Dear Parent or Carer

A number of children, and a member of staff, across different classes in the school tested positive for Covid-19 over the weekend in PCR tests. At the same time that this was happening, we were all hearing about the Government's concerns about the new Omicron variant of Coronavirus.

We therefore have 2 good reasons to remind you about the following advice from the Government's Department for Education and Herts County Council.;

- If your child is unwell in any way, please do not send them into school.
- If your child shows any possible symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of taste or smell) they must self-isolate and you must book them a PCR test immediately. Lateral Flow tests are not designed for use on primary school aged children.
- Since primary-aged children seem to show a variety of other symptoms of Covid-19, consider booking your child a PCR test even if they are ill with other symptoms, such as a sore throat, headache, stomach ache or runny nose (and, of course, keep them off school until you have a negative result from the PCR test).

All staff are still being asked to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow tests. At the start of November, staff started wearing face coverings again in certain parts of the school and we will be extending this to include all communal spaces outside of the classrooms, following the Government's announcement of updated guidance yesterday.

Two local schools have recently had to re-introduce 'bubbles' since they have enough cases at their schools to officially be called an outbreak. With your help, I hope that we will never have to introduce this here at Weston, since it does disrupt the education of the children at the school.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Holmes
Head Teacher