



ST ALFEGE WITH ST PETER'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creek Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9RB



4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year; it is lovely to see the majority of our children back in school.

As we expected, over the Christmas holiday period we had members of our school community who tested positive for COVID-19 and had to self-isolate – me included!

As the new term begins, we are mindful that we will still be receiving reports of individuals who are displaying symptoms and have to get PCR tests.

It is really important that we do everything possible to ensure we are able to reduce the transmission of COVID -19 within our school community. Therefore, I would like to remind you of what you can do to support our endeavours.

Symptoms

If you or anyone in your household displays any COVID-19 symptoms, you should arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible.

In addition to the continuous cough, high temperature and loss of taste and smell, many who are testing positive, have also reported having symptoms similar to that of a heavy cold. This includes a runny or blocked nose and body aches. If you experience any of these symptoms, please take a lateral flow test and if it shows as positive, you must take a PCR test.

Even if your child does not display symptoms, if someone in your household has tested positive, it is a good idea to get your child tested too, as it is possible they could also be positive but be asymptomatic (not have any symptoms).

We would appreciate it if you could let us know as soon as you receive your results.

School attendance

If your child displays symptoms, please do not send them into school until you have had their PCR test results back.

If **you** have tested positive and you do not have anyone who can bring your child to school, we will arrange for work to be provided for the duration of the time your child is at home.

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Returning to school

If your child has tested positive, they can end their isolation **after** 7 days (so they can come back to school on day 8).

However, this is provided they have had two negative lateral flow tests which have been taken 24 hours apart. If this is not the case, they will need to complete the full ten days isolation and can return to school on day 11 **provided they do not have any new symptoms**.

Arrangements in school

The arrangements will remain as they were before Christmas:

- Collective Worship will take place on Microsoft Teams
- Children will sanitise their hands when they come into school and at points throughout the day
- There will only be two classes in the hall at lunch time
- Any visitors in school must wear a face covering at all times.

A reminder that in line with our attendance policy, you should contact the school if your child will be absent for any reason.

Whilst we appreciate there may be extenuating circumstances that prevent you from phoning or sending an email, today we have a number of children absent. In at least 14 cases, we have not been contacted by anyone to explain the reasons for absence. This has meant our office staff have had to spend a lot of time sending text messages and making phone calls to establish why children are not in school. I am sure you can appreciate the added pressure this puts on our staff.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or are unsure about what you need to do regarding possible COVID cases, please contact us **before** sending your child into school.

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson
Headteacher

Please refer to the following guidance for more information

Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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