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COVID

Dear Parents

Shropshire schools have been asked to alter some Covid-19 responses because rates in our county are high. As a Trust we are adopting these changes which will relate to our schools from **Monday 4th October 2021 until 31st October 2021** in the first instance. On **1st November** we will have reviewed the situation and we may go back to the system we had in place for the start of term. These temporary measures are designed by Shropshire LA to help schools to prevent, reduce and contain the spread of cases within school settings. Please note, they only relate to members of your household that attend our schools, not family members who work or learn elsewhere, unless they have adopted the same measures. These are the changes:

1. Household positive cases

We are informing staff and students that if someone in your house has had a positive PCR test then all people in the household should have a PCR test too. While they wait for the results, they should stay away from school and ideally shouldn't mix with others (self-isolate). They can come back to school if their result comes back negative. Absence of pupils waiting for PCR results will be coded as X. If the PCR result is negative, then pupils / staff are advised that a second PCR test after 4 or 5 days is sensible. We would also recommend frequent LFTs too.

Someone in your household had a positive PCR? Get a PCR test for everyone in your household and stay away from school to wait for the result. If the result is negative come back to school.

2. The three main symptoms

Anyone with the 3 main symptoms or the precautionary symptoms (even if they are not a close contact of a confirmed case) are recommended to get a PCR test and only return to school after a negative result. They should also consider contacting 111 for medical advice if required because these symptoms are not unique to COVID-19. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

Got one of the three main symptoms which are persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell? Get a test and stay away from school while you wait for the result.

3. Close contacts

All close contacts of confirmed cases (PCR positive) are also recommended to take a PCR test but unless they have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 or any of the precautionary symptoms, they can continue to attend school when waiting on results of the PCR.

Had close contact with someone whose had a positive PCR, but you don't live with them? Get a PCR test for yourself, but keep coming to school while you wait for the result.

We will keep everyone updated at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher