

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID 19 cases in our school

Unfortunately, we have had a rise in the number of COVID cases affecting our school. The majority of these are in Pine, Rowan and Holly Classes. However there have been a small number of cases from Sunflower, Hazel, Maple and Cherry classes, and a number of other children are waiting for PCR test results. Today we also had 9 staff absent for covid related reasons, (6 of these have already tested positive).

Measures in place across the school are

- Year Group bubbles for Sunflower, Reception and Cherry and Maple Classes
- Class bubbles for Pine, Rowan and Holly Classes (including eating lunches in classrooms)
- Ventilation is maximised with doors and windows open throughout the day (please ensure that children are warmly dressed). CO2 monitors are now installed in every classroom to monitor air quality
- Assemblies and larger group activities are temporarily on hold
- Enhanced cleaning is taking place, including additional contracted cleaning time in the middle of the day
- Staff are wearing face coverings in indoor communal areas (these are not worn in the classrooms for teaching)
- Break times and lunch times continue to be staggered with cleaning of tables, chairs and equipment in between sittings
- All school staff are LFD testing twice weekly, and those in affected classes are testing daily.
- Risk assessments are planned for any activities or visits where movement, hygiene or contacts may be different than usual
- Hand washing and hand sanitising continues to be used on arrival, departure, and at transition points throughout the day
- Respiratory hygiene messages are given frequently and modelled for children (e.g., 'catch it, bin it, kill it', for use of tissues to wipe or blow noses).
- In the event that we do not have enough staff to open your child's class or year group, we will contact you as soon as possible and move to remote learning. This would be done for the minimum possible period of time.

We have received advice from the Department for Education and Public Health Thames Valley in relation to these measures and will continue to keep all contingency measures under review.

We continue to ask for your support in being cautious and vigilant. **In particular, we are asking for your help with testing your children (and other family members).**

Please note the following more recent guidance -

- If your child tests positive on a routine LFD test at home, you do not need to get a PCR to confirm this. You must register this with test and trace via this link <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and they must isolate immediately. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming the result and isolation dates, and are likely to be contacted by NHS test and trace.
- If your child is showing any one or more symptom of COVID 19, you should book them a PCR test as soon as possible and they must isolate immediately, including while they wait for the result. You can book a PCR test via this link. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If your child has been in close contact with someone who has covid, they should test daily for 7 days using LFD (Lateral Flow) tests at home. This applies to everyone over the age of 5 (for under 5s this is at your discretion, but you may wish to do so for peace of mind).
- The minimum isolation period has now changed to 5 full days but continues for up to 10 days if your child continues to test positive. If your child has negative LFD test results on day's 5 and 6 (24 hours apart), then they can come out of isolation from day 6. Please note self isolation starts from day '0'. If they continue to test positive or remain unwell, they should continue to isolate until they have 2 consecutive negative tests (24 hours apart) or until 10 full days have passed. NHS Test and trace are likely to contact you.
- If your child tests positive on either type of test, or is displaying possible covid symptoms, please let us know ASAP so that we can act accordingly. Please send us the test result email to office@fis.faringdonlearningtrust.org

Thank you for your support with this. Rapid identification of cases so that your child can isolate and prevent further spread, is one of the ways we can stop COVID 19 from having an even greater impact upon our school.

Best wishes,

Sally Robins and the FIS Team