

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Cases Update

I am writing to let you know that we continue to have reports of multiple positive cases of COVID 19 in school and are therefore continuing to implement our contingency plan and our tightened risk assessment measures.

We still have some children affected from Cherry Class including a small number who are still isolating and one awaiting a test result.

In addition to this, we have had a positive case reported from Holly Class and 3 positive cases in Pine Class. One positive case has also been reported from Chestnut Class though this child had been out of school for some time before their positive test result. A number of children and families have also shared with us that they have family members with positive test results in their households. Case rates locally and nationally remain high and we are all hoping that the outbreaks in school will not affect festive plans for the end of term or for your family time over the Christmas holidays.

Guidance remains the same in relation to testing and isolation and this is obviously positive in terms of minimising the more widespread disruption which previously occurred with the closure of whole bubbles or classes. However, it does make it harder for us to stop the spread of the virus without your support.

We request that when children are close contacts of a positive case (e.g. a family member) even if they remain free of symptoms, they access PCR testing. This request is made following discussion with Oxfordshire Education COVID support and Public Health who support schools with outbreaks in more than one class to ask the cooperation of their communities to reduce the risk of further transmission.

If you have a positive case in your household and that person is not able to isolate from others, it is also advisable to keep other family members at home. We are grateful that many of you are undertaking regular asymptomatic testing to allow cases to be quickly identified. School staff are also continuing to do this.

We would encourage you to be very vigilant (some children testing positive have not had the classic COVID symptoms and some have had almost no symptoms at all) and to please work with us to minimise risk and ensure that we all go into the Christmas period able to enjoy the break! Thank you for your ongoing help and understanding with this situation; for listening to advice and for showing empathy and kindness for one another and for our school.

All best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins

Head Teacher