

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID CASES IN SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we have been made aware of further positive cases of COVID 19 in our school. We now have 4 known cases and 2 additional cases from Lateral Flow Tests, awaiting confirmation from PCRs. We know that there are other children also currently being tested.

3 of the positive cases, are from within the same class and we are increasingly concerned about school based transmission taking place. Government guidance about managing COVID 19 in schools tells us that a threshold for triggering an Outbreak Management Plan is 10% of any class. This has now been met. We have a number of measures in place already and are taking the advice of Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Public Health about any further steps.

As per my letter earlier in the week, please continue to be vigilant and cautious and seek PCR testing in the event of any one of the possible COVID symptoms. You can also access PCR testing if you know that you or your child have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive (e.g. another family member or friend).

Year One and Two Harvest Festival

At this stage, we do intend to continue with our Year One and Two Harvest Festival Celebration tomorrow afternoon. This will take place outside on the field (please arrive through the car park only) and children will stay in their class groups while they perform to those of you who are able to join us.

We ask your support to allow this to go ahead safely. When you arrive, we will ask parents and carers to stay at a distance from the children and at the end of the Harvest Celebration, we would be grateful if you could allow all the children to return to their classes to collect their coats and belongings before they have contact with you. If you are watching the Harvest Celebration, you will be able to collect your children from their usual pick up points once they have been back to class (even if this is slightly ahead of their usual finish time). Please don't worry if you cannot attend, the other children will be cared for in class as usual until their usual collection time.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team