

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to advise you that over the weekend we received confirmation of many confirmed cases of COVID-19 cases in Reception, Y1/2T and Y1/2McU.

All children and staff within the class are considered close contacts and **we would advise for your child to undertake daily LFD tests and to monitor your child closely for symptoms of COVID-19 until we confirm the outbreak is over.** Provided that their test results (PCR, if symptomatic and LFD daily) are negative, they must continue to attend school as usual. They are not able to attend before or after-school clubs, including Magic Breakfast, until the outbreak is over. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are the recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If any of their test results are positive, these are the steps that should be followed:

- Self-isolate with the date of the positive test being Day 0.
- From day 5, if they test negatively twice on an LFD, 24 hours apart, then they may return to school on day 6, as long as the tests have been completed before school hours on both days 5 and 6.
- If an asymptomatic case develops symptoms within their isolation period, they must restart their isolation from the onset of symptoms and are recommended to have a PCR test.

### **Daily Testing of Household Contacts of a Positive Case (e.g. Siblings)**

In addition to the above advice, you may also be aware that the Director of Public Health has recommended that if one individual in a household tests positive, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

- Take a daily LFD test for **seven** consecutive days from the date the household contact first developed symptoms or tested positive (whichever is the sooner)
- Continue to attend school provided that their test results (PCR if symptomatic and LFD if not) are negative
- Self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test if any of their test results are positive or 6 days if tested LFD negative on day 5 and 6 (as above)

Children who are at home will have access to learning but they should only participate in the work if they feel well enough to do so. Please continue to stay in contact if your child is unwell so that we can offer you support as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Broom

Executive Headteacher