

1st November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been asked to share some information with parents/carers from the North Tyneside Public Health team following the rise in Covid infection rates in our area.

There are a number of things that have been recommended for all schools but in particular from 1st November 2021 it is now recommended that in our school:

1. **The use of face coverings** in classrooms and communal areas for secondary age pupils and in communal areas for all adults.
2. **PCR testing** for all adults and pupils if they are a close contact of a positive case*.
3. **Daily LFT testing for 10 days** for any adult or secondary age pupil who is a household contact of a positive case and is exempt from isolation and continues to attend school. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive*.
4. **Schools carefully consider whether educational visits** and residential trips should go ahead
5. Schools carefully consider whether **open days or events** could move to a virtual format

We will be reviewing these on a two weekly basis and consideration around all events in school will be referenced against our Covid risk assessment in order to keep everyone safe.

In the meantime, please help us by ensuring that if your child or any household member has Covid symptoms, to get a PCR test straight away. If you are in any doubt, please ring the school office before sending your child to school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kerry Lilico
Headteacher

