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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with measures that we need to take together to prevent and reduce the infections rate of Covid-19 in our school, and in the local community.

I am writing to share with you the latest information that we have regarding the infection rates and the spread of Covid-19, particularly in relation to primary schools. Many primary schools are reporting increases in infections and positive cases, and many are reporting these for the first time. This has led to an increase in bubble closures in Doncaster schools, with one local primary school closing completely last week.

Infection Rates

Public Health Doncaster advises us that infections in Doncaster are still increasing and are roughly doubling weekly. The latest data for positive cases in Doncaster is 108.1 per 100,000 for the week 17-23/6/21. They expect that this will continue to increase for another two weeks. They advise that the high rate of community transmission, caused by relaxations to social distancing, is driving the increase in positive cases and that this is being brought into schools.

To prevent and control infection we will continue to maintain our enhanced hygiene and social distancing measures in school and require anybody with symptoms of Covid-19 to isolate and to take a PCR test.

The Delta Variant

The Delta variant is now the dominant variant in infections in Doncaster and across the UK. More symptoms have been identified as typical of this infection. These are:

- runny nose
- sore throat
- headache

What to do if somebody in your household displays symptoms

If anybody in your household displays any symptoms of Covid-19 (those listed above and the existing recognised symptoms: a new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change to taste or smell, they should stay at home and take a PCR test. All members of the household must isolate until the result of the test is known.

We realise that this is extremely frustrating for parents and carers, as it is for school. The symptoms of Covid-19 are also the symptoms of many minor illnesses and conditions. However, the best and simplest way to prevent infection spreading within a class and throughout the school is to take a PCR test. These are currently being returned in around 24 hours. Please do not use Lateral Flow Tests as these are not suitable for primary-aged children or anybody displaying symptoms.

It can be very inconvenient and frustrating when children need to isolate whilst awaiting test results, or when a bubble is closed, but we must try to stop the spread of infection. The last thing we want is for our entire school to close, as has happened in other local schools.

As we approach the end of term, we are also aware that many of you have holidays planned for the summer holiday and again we do not want anybody to be in the position of isolating and missing their holiday, so it is important that we all remain vigilant now.

Yours sincerely



Miss Diane Risley
Executive Headteacher

