



26th November 2021

Dear Parents/ carers,

I want to keep you all informed about the current situation regarding cases of Corona virus in our school community. We currently have 3 pupils and 2 members of staff who have tested positive for C-19. All members of our school who have tested positive are self-isolating at home as per guidance.

To clarify on staffing, all staff in today are now testing daily on a lateral flow test and all staff took a PCR test earlier in the week which came back negative.

Looking at our contingency plan - available here [hh_coronavirus_contingency_plan.pdf](https://www.highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk/hh_coronavirus_contingency_plan.pdf) ([highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk](https://www.highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk)) we are now implementing the following measures in school:

- Class 'bubbles' will be kept separate using social distancing as much as possible
- Lunchtime will be separated using social distancing in class 'bubbles'
- Communal areas will be separated so that pupils do not mix
- Windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation
- Masks/ visors/ additional PPE to be worn by staff
- Any planned events getting the community together will now be virtual eg. *Christmas performance in the hall on Friday 10th December*
- Visitors to school will be 'essential only'

Our latest risk assessment can be viewed here - [Directorate/Department](https://www.highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk/Directorate/Department) ([highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk](https://www.highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk))

At home, here are a few things that have worked well with parents at home in our Trust schools:

- Hand washing on arrival at home
- Uniform washing daily
- Ventilation and keeping a suitable distance from vulnerable family members where possible

We are in communication daily with Public Health England and take advice on rising cases but there is no plan to close the school at present. Attendance is mandatory and the normal expectations and guidelines for attendance will continue, however if your child is symptomatic you will be required to get a PCR test.

Please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of both staff and children and we will continue to communicate with you regularly.

Kind regards,

Deirdre Petersen
Principal