



5th January 2022

Dear Parents/ carers,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! The staff at Highampton Primary School hope you have all enjoyed a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

In relation to Corona virus, I would like to reassure you all that we are still taking the safety of our staff, children and community as the highest priority and safety measures are in place so that everyone can return to school safely. As of this morning we have no reported covid cases.

We have updated our risk assessment according to the latest changes to isolation requirements made by HM Government over the Christmas period and further to the updated operational guidance provided for schools by the DfE (Department for Education).

Summary of our updated mitigations are as follows-

- Staff continue to test daily using LFD testing
- Visitors to school (essential) need to provide a negative LFD test
- Teachers will provide home learning for pupils who test positive for Covid and need to self isolate
- Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas
- Hand washing and good ventilation are still in place – *please send your child in warm uniform items*
- There is no longer any need for class ‘bubbles’
- Meetings will take place remotely
- Educational visits and outings will be considered on a case by case basis

What to do if a pupil tests positive –

If a pupil tests positive on an LFD test, you should arrange to get them a PCR test. Please let the school know as soon as you have a positive result. Following a positive PCR test, pupils must self-isolate for 10 days but can take an LTD test on day 6 of isolation and following 2 negative tests they may return to school (if not symptomatic).

We will continue to keep you informed of any further cases in school and hope that together, we navigate the coming weeks with the safety of everyone at the centre of our work.

Yours sincerely

Kindest regards,

Mrs D A Petersen
Principal