

Friday 24th September 2021

Covid-19 Update and Guidance

Dear Families

We have had a settled start to the new academic year, it is great to see the children focused on their learning and enjoying aspects of the curriculum, especially the experience they are having using Purple Mash which the children speak about with great enthusiasm. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of all that we do it is much appreciated.

As you will know, many of the measures that were in place during the last school year, such as bubbles, are no longer required by the Government, however we have continued to operate many of these in school on our return as we see it is vital that we maintain the children's learning throughout the year, so we are still working hard to keep our classrooms as COVID safe as possible and we need your support to do this.

Rates of Covid 19 in Doncaster are currently high and above the England average.

Doncaster Data:

281 per 100,000 people tested positive on Thursday, 23 September 2021.

Wheatley Data:

286.6 per 100,000 people tested positive on Thursday, 23 September 2021

Firstly, should your child be showing any symptoms of Covid 19, please book them in for a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. Although children no longer need to isolate (unless they are showing symptoms), if another member of their household tests positive, can I remind you that a person who has tested positive should not be leaving their house to bring their child to school. If you are in a situation where all adults in the house are positive and want to discuss options then please contact us directly.

We will continue to encourage children to exercise good hand hygiene in school and I would ask you to reaffirm this at home. It really is our best defence against not only COVID but the other winter viruses that are circulating at this time.

Let's Wash Our Hands!

Whooshy washy!
Wet our hands
Under running water
Add some soap and
Rub them hard
Don't miss any part!
Between our fingers
Under the nails
Rid germs without fail
Front and back
And round the wrist
No germs will be missed!
They may hide
But we shall seek
So we will not fall sick!
Splishy splashy
Bye bye germs
Down the drain they squirm
With clean towels
We dry our hands
Now let's show our friends!



1 Palm to palm



2 Between fingers



3 Back of hands



4 Base of thumbs



5 Back of fingers



6 Fingernails



7 Wrists



8 Rinse and wipe dry

Remember to wash our hands:



After using the toilet



After sneezing or coughing



After playing with pets



After sports or playing outside



Before eating



We are continuing to work closely with Doncaster Council and the Public Health team locally. Should rates start to rise locally to a worrying level or should the school experience an outbreak we will be taking advice from Doncaster Public Health colleagues on the best way to manage this.

If we work together, we can make sure that the children are safe, happy and productive during this academic year.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Skinn
Principal