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Dear parents

RE: Temporary measures in place following increase in positive cases:

We have been advised by the UKHSA that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school setting. We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Chesterfield Primary School remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We have an Outbreak Management Plan in place for managing a number of Covid-19 cases should they arise in school. On the advice of the UKHSA, we have put the following measures in place to try and contain the spread of the virus:

- The children will remain in year group bubbles which means they will not be mixing with other year groups around the school
- Ventilation – you may want to put additional layers of clothing on your child as windows and doors will be open
- Increased hygiene measures – hand washing regularly

Please support us by testing your children twice a week with Lateral Flow Tests to help catch any cases early. You can order tests here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateralflow-tests> or pick them up from pharmacies.

Please also remember that children must not come to school if they are displaying Covid symptoms until they have had a PCR test. (Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the child has a positive test result (via PCR or LFD test), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. Please note, as per latest guidance, self-isolation period can be ended earlier as long as certain conditions are met (please see explanatory table below). For instance, you can take an LFD test on day 5 and day 6 after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result.

Day 0	When you develop symptoms or get a positive test
Day 1	
Day 2	
Day 3	
Day 4	
Day 5	First lateral flow test
Day 6	Second lateral flow test and if both Day 5 & 6 are Negative you can leave self-isolation – provided you do not have COVID symptoms at this point if not please continue to isolate

What is the latest advice for the contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Any member of the household who is aged 18 years and 6 months or over and has only received one dose of COVID 19 vaccine or has not received any dose of the COVID-19 vaccination will still be required to self-isolate as household contact of a someone with COVID-19 symptoms awaiting testing and someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. NHS Test and Trace will get in touch with anyone who is a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and will provide isolation and testing advice.

As you are aware, things are changing rapidly, please familiarise yourselves with the latest government guidance and further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are hoping by taking these measures; we can keep the children in school and hopefully avoid any bubble closures, and of course try to keep the community safe and well.

Kind Regards,

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