

## COVID 19 Update & Safety Reminder

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know, Liverpool is currently suffering an exponential rise in the number of positive coronavirus cases. This means that the virus is growing rapidly in the community. *Fortunately, we have so far managed to avoid any positive cases within school.* Our routines and procedures for keeping children safe have so far been very successful.

Throughout the last two weeks, a number of children and staff have had to self-isolate, and perhaps undergo a test, as they had developed possible symptoms or may have had close contact with somebody with a positive test. Thankfully, no child or member of staff has received a positive test.

Please let me reassure you that we are observing all guidance from Public Health England, the Department for Education and Liverpool City Council. I can assure you that we will inform parents immediately in the event of any positive case that impacts upon your child. We will advise you on the appropriate course of action and provide you with very clear instructions. We will also inform the wider school community of any positive cases. However, we do not inform parents when children or staff are directed to self-isolate or to take a test. In the current climate, this is a regular occurrence and is a precaution. So it is not necessary and could lead to undue panic or worry.

As Liverpool's COVID19 rate is rising so rapidly, I need to remind all parents of your key role in keeping the whole of our school community safe by observing these very important instructions:

*Beginning of the school day:*

- **Wear a face covering** (unless medically exempt)
- Drop your child off at the school gate (except for Nursery and reception.) Staff will ensure that children are safe.
- Leave the area IMMEDIATELY- moving completely away from school
- DO NOT gather in groups or wait for friends
- DO NOT cause a blockage or crowding- this creates unnecessary risk for others

Please remember that the school gate is now open from 8:25am to avoid any need for queues or crowding. Children go straight to their classrooms where supervised activities are available until the start of the school day at 8:55am.

*Hometime:*

- **Wear a face covering** (unless medically exempt)
- Arrive only at the allocated times and be on time
- Only one parent per family is allowed on site- this is not a social occasion!
- Do not gather in groups
- Observe social distancing of 2m at all times
- Wait behind the yellow signs
- Once you have collected your child/children, you must not wait for friends

- Leave the site immediately, keeping your distance from others.

Please remember that we are in the midst of a global pandemic. So far, working together, we have kept our school community as safe as possible. It is absolutely vital that we continue to observe the rules which have served us well so far.

Yours Sincerely

Mr David Potter

Headteacher