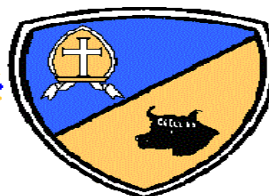


# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

You are no doubt aware that there are high numbers of new confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the school, with unprecedented absence levels amongst children and staff.

Staff absence levels are so high that, whilst we have contingencies in place to cover these absences, should they increase further I cannot guarantee that some classes will not have to merge, be taught by different members of staff or return to distance learning for a short period of time. I would like to reassure you that this will be a last resort. Understandably, we are having to work on a daily approach and further short notice measures cannot be ruled out.

Whilst the UK Government's guidance on self-isolation has been relaxed to advisory rather than mandatory, St Luke's continues to apply a cautious approach in an attempt to minimise disruption and keep the school open to all pupils.

To minimise the impact that staff and pupil absence from the spread of infection could have on our school, we are still requesting that you take the following precautions:

- **If you or your child test positive for Covid-19 please do not attend the school site until either ten days after the initial symptoms or test, or following two consecutive negative lateral flow tests taken over two consecutive days, which can be taken from day five onwards (the first day of symptoms or the day of the test, whichever comes first, is classed as day zero).**
- **If your child is a close contact of someone testing positive for Covid-19 we would greatly appreciate you carrying out daily lateral flow tests for seven days to ensure they are not attending school and inadvertently spreading the infection. If you test positive for Covid-19 and your children test negative, please contact the school office and we will make arrangements for you to safely drop off and collect your children at the main entrance.**
- **If your child is unwell with a raised temperature, or any Covid-19 symptoms, we request they do not attend school until the temperature has subsided without the use of medication and they have taken a negative lateral flow test.**

There are a wide range of symptoms associated with Covid-19 and more information is available by following this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>. If you or your child feel newly unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, then we would advise you to seek further medical advice.

Thank you once more for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

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