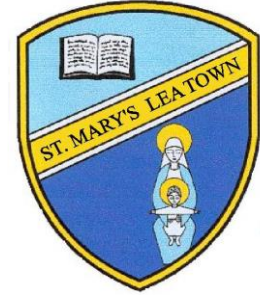


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*'Happy are those who hear the word of
God and keep it' Luke 11.28*

Monday 20th September 2021

Positive Cases Coronavirus Cases in School

Dear Parent/ Carer

Please see below some key information and advice in this letter which has been prepared in liaison with Public Health England (PHE)

The health and wellbeing of our children, young people and families remains our highest priority. Thank you for your support in managing this during the pandemic.

Last week, and over the weekend we have had a number of positive cases of Covid-19 which we have shared with families via the Teacher2Parents text system.

In light of this, we would like therefore to emphasise some key points to help us manage this with the aim of minimising any disruption to education- such as closing of classes.

This includes:

1. Notifying us as soon as possible **if your child has had a positive Covid-19 test** (Please call and email the results to both Head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk and Bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)
2. Making sure if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they isolate and book a PCR test immediately, **then follow the advice you're given when you get the result**

****** We must draw you attention to the wider symptoms of Covid in addition such as sneezing, vomiting and diarrhoea ******

3. If your child has other symptoms or is not feeling well, then stay away from school as you normally would if your child was unwell, **and please also seek a PCR test.**

When booking a test online you will need to click the option that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms." **If the result is positive your child will need to isolate. Follow the advice you're given when you get the result.**

4. Continue with the routine twice weekly LFT testing at home. All pupils are strongly encouraged to undertake Lateral Flow tests too particularly in our most affected classes- Classes 3 and 4

As we are in an outbreak situation, we are putting the following additional measures in place:

- Re introduction of the wearing of face coverings in Communal areas for staff and Visitors* (Visitors are strictly reduced to essential visitors only)
- strongly encourage families to wear a face covering when entering the school grounds and /or passing on the narrow pathways
- Only 1 adult* in entrance Foyer at a given time (adults should only come in when essential- please send items in via children and/ or call/ email us at school)
- Only 1 parent/ carer to enter the school grounds in the mornings and for collection
- Reduce the mixing of classes where possible – separate break times and lunch play times
- Temporary freezing all of all clubs
- Separate/ individual resources and separate toilets for classes.
- Encourage all adults to seek their vaccination see attached a list of drop in centres locally
- Ask anyone demonstrating symptoms, including wider symptoms, to seek a PCR test and remain at home until well
- School identifying Close contacts

We will of course continue with our enhanced cleaning, increased ventilation and regular hand cleaning frequently throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and if you have any questions about these measures, please contact us at school

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Head Teacher