



# Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Covid Update**

I thought it would be useful to give you an update on Covid at the school site. We currently have a lot of staff and pupil cases and the numbers are increasing. We are taking measures to stop it spreading but we are seeing lots of linked cases within classes.

We are taking the following additional measures during the day:

- Classes are working in bubbles so there is no contact between pupils inside the building.
- Staff are wearing face masks in communal areas.
- Staff are doing regular LFD tests.
- Ventilation has been increased where possible. We have received some air filtration units from the government and these are being used in some of our classrooms.

We will let you know via Ping if your child is a close contact. If your child is a close contact, then please do a LFD test if they will tolerate it and be vigilant around symptoms. If they are not isolating/do not have symptoms then they can still attend school.

The high number of cases is affecting our staffing, we are limiting staff moving between classes as this increases the spread of infection. We will let you know via Ping if your child's class is closed. We will only close classes when there are no other options as we appreciate how disruptive this is for families.

## **Returning To School After A Covid Infection**

- If your child tests positive for Covid they can now return to school on day 6 if they have had two negative LFD tests in the 24 hours before and they are well.
- If they remain positive on a LFD test then they must continue to isolate and can return when they have 2 negative LFDs in 24 hours or they have isolated for 10 days whichever is sooner.
- When you are counting the days the first day of infection is Day 0.
- If it is a faint line then that counts as a positive result. Please make sure you leave the test for 20/30 minutes as the result can take a while to show up.



I recognise that it can be difficult to keep up with all the changes in the guidance so do phone or email if you have any questions.

I hope anyone who is currently unwell recovers quickly and thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

*Vanessa.*

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