

## **PURSTON INFANT SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and carers.

To begin with I would like to say thank you to you all for your continued support over the last 19 months for your children and school. Since September your children have been fantastic, they have worked hard and made us smile every day. School had begun to feel like Purston Infant School again.

Yesterday evening we received information from Public Health and the Council regarding measures we as a school need to take due to the rising number of Covid cases. I have attached a letter to you outlining the decision and the reasons behind it.

As a school we will follow this advice on our return to school on Monday 1st November 2021. I have copied them below for you. (6 recommendations.)

- 1. If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFT or PCR), advise pupils/students to stay at home. If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away. If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms). If this test is negative, the child can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.
- 2. Wearing face coverings by adults in school in communal areas.
- 3. Ensure windows are open in the classroom to facilitate good ventilation, as much as is practicable.
- 4. Reduce mixing between year groups as much as possible to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- 5. Suspend whole-school or year group events e.g. assemblies. Limit visitors to the school and whether events that bring parents into school can be managed safely or should return to online.
- 6. Carefully consider whether educational trips should go ahead. This is especially important because being on transport together for long periods, increases the chance of transmitting COVID-19.

Point 5 will affect face to face parents meetings planned in November. These will return to telephone calls and further details will be sent to you after half term.

Kind regards

Mr P Barnett Headteacher

