



PURSTON INFANT SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and carers.

Happy New Year.

It is lovely to be back in school with the children excitedly starting new topics. They worked so hard last term and made good progress. A big well done to all Year 2 children for doing so well in the Phonics Screening test in December.

Late yesterday we received information from Public Health and the Council regarding measures we as a school need to take due to the dramatic rising number of Covid Omicron cases. I have attached a letter from the council outlining the decision and the reasons behind it on the back of this letter.

As a school we will follow this local advice. It is different to the Government advice but considers all the local information. I have copied the recommendations below for you. (6 recommendations.)

1. If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFT or PCR), pupils/students should **stay at home for 5 days**.

If possible, they should take daily lateral flow tests (LFT) as the Government advise.

If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away.

If they have no symptoms after 5 days and have had negative LFTs then they can return to school.

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.

If your child cannot attend because of a household contact, then please ring the absence line and leave a message.

If your child cannot attend because they have tested positive, please email myself on headteacher@purston.wakefield.sch.uk giving the date of their symptoms starting.

If your child cannot attend school, but is well enough, then they can access online learning via the school website. Teachers will send out further details this week on dojo how to access this.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in keeping our children and community safe, at this difficult and frustrating time.

Yours sincerely



The Designated Senior lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection is the Headteacher, Phillip Barnett, supported by the Deputy Headteacher, Alison Gascoyne, and Family support worker Kerry Dyas.
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