



Deanery C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have been advised by United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formerly Public Health England) that we have an outbreak of COVID-19 within school. There are confirmed cases across the school but Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 are most affected.

The school has been receiving advice from Birmingham Public Health, but the actions taken so far have not brought the outbreak under control. A meeting was held with UKHSA and Birmingham City Council yesterday (22nd November 2021) to review the Outbreak Management Plan in place at the school and the efforts being taken to keep the school open and our children and staff safe.

The following additional actions were agreed at the meeting.

All classes across Reception, Year 5 and 6 will close for the rest of the week. Remote learning will be arranged for the affected children. Classes will reopen on Monday 29th November.

We want to reopen these classes as soon as possible in a safe way. Before children return next week, we are asking you to ensure that **all children in Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 undertake a PCR test towards the end of this week or over the weekend.**

- The link below takes you to the gov.uk booking page where you can book a test at a drive-through, walk-in centre or via postal delivery.
- Results are far quicker when using the drive-through or walk-in options, but the postal option is a useful alternative if you have no means of getting there.
- Link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Please let us know the outcome of the test for your child before returning to school.

We also know that households are a main route of transmission, so we also ask that the following pupils undertake a PCR test: **any siblings of children in the three affected year groups; and children where there is a confirmed case in the household. Children in households where there is a confirmed case should additionally undergo daily LFD tests for one week.** Please let us know the outcome of the test for your child before returning to school.

Due to the number of cases in **Year 3**, we are also asking **all children in this year group to have a PCR test.** Please let us know if the test result is positive.

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As a summary of actions for each year group:

Nursery	Please ensure your child continues to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Reception	Classes closed until 29 th November. Learning will be delivered online. Please carry out a PCR test for your child before they return to school next Monday 29 th November.
Year 1	Please ensure your child continues to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Year 2	Please ensure your child continues to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Year 3	Please carry out a PCR test for your child at your earliest convenience. Children should continue to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Year 4	Please ensure your child continues to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Year 5	Classes closed until 29 th November. Learning will be delivered online. Please carry out a PCR test for your child before they return to school next Monday 29 th November.
Year 6	Classes closed until 29 th November. Learning will be delivered online. Please carry out a PCR test for your child before they return to school next Monday 29 th November.
Siblings of pupils in Reception, Year 5 and Year 6	Please carry out a PCR test for your child at your earliest convenience. Please continue to come into school unless symptomatic or testing positive.
Pupils where there is a confirmed case in the household	Please carry out a PCR test for your child at your earliest convenience. Children should undertake daily LFD tests for one week after symptoms started in the case, or the date the case was tested if the case had no symptoms.

As a reminder:

- If your child has a positive test they will need **to isolate for 10 days before returning to school.**
- We know at the moment that not all positive cases have had symptoms beforehand. If your child has **other (non-typical) symptoms please arrange a PCR test if you are concerned that the symptoms might be due to Covid-19.**
- It is really important that we all continue to follow coronavirus safety measures and guidance to minimise the risk of spreading infections across the staff and pupils in the school. **The safety measures include regular testing, isolation, vaccination, good hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, social distancing and good ventilation.** These measures are important for all of us regardless of whether we are fully vaccinated and we thank all of our staff and families who have supported us so far.

I'm sorry we have had to take this action at this time in term, but the health and safety of both children and staff is paramount at this point.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jayne Luckett (Mrs)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Luckett', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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