



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Cases of COVID in school have risen slightly and I thought it may be useful to share what measures could take place if cases continue to rise. Last week we had four to five confirmed cases during the week.

As of today we have eleven confirmed cases of COVID within the school. (One new one today). Some of these cases were reported during the weekend. We are not seeing eleven new cases a day, for example. Confirmed COVID cases are reported through PCR results. We report our positive cases and the number of people isolating or awaiting test results daily on a Department for Education register, which is used to analyse cases in schools.

If cases in a particular class or year group rise then we have plans to move into an amber alert, where further measures can be introduced. These include setting up a temporary bubble for the class or year group.

We have one class in Y6 who have a slightly higher number of cases and we have decided to put additional plans into action including extra cleaning. We have put them in a temporary bubble during the day and they have moved back into seating in rows. The children are being really sensible and helpful with these measures. We aren't at the point of having to take these measures according to DFE guidelines, but we felt it was best to take these steps if we can.

Many measures for any amber alerts are already being taken in school anyway, such as adults wearing face coverings in communal areas and extra cleaning. We also moved the concerts from the church to outside to help limit any further cases. Each classroom has a CO2 monitor to look at the air flow in the room and ensure it is as well ventilated as possible, whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.

The lateral flow tests are working well to spot early indications of COVID as many children do not show symptoms. Testing your children twice a week is really helpful and will limit COVID spreading in school. We would ask that this is done on Monday morning and Thursday morning, but you can do it more regularly if you wish. The new lateral flow kits are much better and only need a nose swab, which is much easier to administer with younger children.

If your child does have any symptoms of COVID, please book a PCR test at Cocks Crescent or other test centres. The lateral flow test kits are not designed to work if anyone is displaying symptoms. The new Government guidelines if you have a case in your household is to lateral flow test daily if going to work or school for 7 days.

We will keep monitoring the situation and keep you updated if there are any substantial rises in cases during the last few days of term.

With best wishes,

Mr M. Blow
Deputy Headteacher.

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