



Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday I reported to you that we had a case of COVID in school I can now confirm that we have three cases (confirmed by a PCR) with a further two positive lateral flow test awaiting PCR confirmation. These cases and close contacts are meant to be report by test and trace but we feel it is important that you are kept up to date at all times. Currently, all of the Covid cases are in our year 5&6 class only. It is therefore really key that any children in this class (and siblings) that have symptoms or feel unwell are kept at home and where possible given a Lateral Flow test. Testing is the best way to limit the spread of the virus, as it helps to identify and isolate. Staff in school have all upped their testing from twice a week and I would encourage you to test your children regularly. We will continue our rigorous cleaning of touch points, resources and communal areas and we will do a deeper clean this weekend and fog all the classrooms.

Currently the advice from Public Health is for us to continue with our contingency plan and encourage parents to test their children regularly using the Lateral Flow tests. We will continue to take advice and monitor Kestrels carefully and notify you if the advice changes. The Government guidance states that attendance at school remains mandatory for those children who are well, we will also provide work for children that are isolating if they are well enough to complete it.

As of Wednesday I sent you a detailed letter about what we are doing to try to limit transmission. On the letter I mentioned how we have moved back into classes and are no longer mixing for clubs, playtimes and lunch (Kestrels eat in classroom, Owls and Skylarks at opposite ends of the hall). There was also a link on it to all our Risk Assessments and contingency plans that can be found on our website. For the time being, we would like parents to wear masks for drop offs and pick-ups once more and would ask that you please ensure that children are wearing masks on the school bus. Due to our soft opening there is no need to go back to staggered starts as children arrive at different times anyway, at home time we ask that you socially distance while waiting for your children and leave the school site promptly. If you need to catch the class teacher for something please try to do this over class email than at the class door, it allows entrances and exits to be kept clear.

Due to the current situation the meeting for Kingswood for Gooderstone will now be held over Zoom with Mrs Buckley and we will send dates and times out for that next week.



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We appreciate that it is a worrying time and it may make you anxious but please rest assured we are following government guidance very closely and are in constant contact with Public Health. My staff and I appreciate all the support that some of you have shown to us as we have navigated our way through the ever changing guidance over the last two years. I would ask that you **all** please remember that members of staff have families at home also and that throughout this pandemic they have been continuing to work hard to educate and keep your children safe in a very challenging time.

Kind Regards



Sarah Godbold