



Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Families,

Last week we have had to close 6 classes and have closed 4 more this week due to positive cases within our community. The Delta variant is now the most dominant strain in Manchester and is 60% more transmissible than previous strains. The R Rate in the North West is now 1.3 to 1.5. In May, Manchester's case rate was 45.2/100,000. Today this stands at 434.4/100,000, with 2401 positive cases reported last week. Longsight is an Enhanced Response Area. Vaccine Drop in centres at Moss Side Leisure Centre and Belle Vue Sports Village have been opened for 18 Year olds and over. Please use these drop in centres to get vaccinated.

A wider set of alternative symptoms for Covid now include:

1. Diarrhoea
2. Persistent headache
3. Fever and Chills
4. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
5. Fatigue
6. Muscle or body aches
7. Sore throat
8. Congestion or runny nose
9. Nausea or vomiting

For the next two weeks, please do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell.

Any member of the family experiencing any one of these above symptoms above should book a PCR test. Please make sure you report the reason for your child's absence from school every day before 10 am. Also, please support the school and its community by ensuring you and your family continue to follow national guidance.

The main three symptoms of Covid are:

1. A new, continuous cough
2. A temperature of 37.8 or above
3. A change or loss in taste and/or smell

Thank you to all of those families that are recognising the difficult situation that schools are in and are showing support and understanding for both the school and its community during this challenging period. The decisions that we are making relating to class closures and isolation periods are in line with government and Public Health guidance.

Best wishes

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