



## ENDSLEIGH HOLY CHILD

VC ACADEMY

Monday 11th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been a small number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 within class 5/6 and your child may have had contact with them during their infectious period.

Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid 19 are no longer required to isolate, but they are advised to get a PCR test, and they have a higher risk of developing Covid 19 in the days after the contact. As there has been more than one case within the class, we would advise that all children get a PCR test and we have been asked to record all results - positive and negative and pass them on to the school nursing team. Therefore, please inform us of all results if you choose to take your child for a test. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

The 3 main covid symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 deg or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. **However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.**

Furthermore, and under advice taken from the school nursing team, we will employ some additional measures in the short term. Children in class 5/6 will remain with their own class at playtime and lunchtime and will not be eating lunch in the hall. Extra cleaning will take place in the classroom daily.

In addition, parents' evening will not take place in school for children in class 5/6. Mr Guthrie will make phone calls at the times allotted both today and tomorrow. For siblings of children in 5/6, phone calls home will also be made.

Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes,

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