



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reference: Increase in positive cases of Coronavirus in Chard

It is becoming apparent that the number of positive cases of Coronavirus is on the rise, coupled with the normal seasonal coughs and colds that seem to be taking their toll on us all more than usual, in Chard.

Today I have spoken to Public Health England (PHE) to seek advice about the spike in positive cases of coronavirus within local teenagers and the impact that this is having on younger siblings within our school and all other local primary schools. PHE are pleased that as a school we continue to work with measures that are more stringent than the Government and PHE advice by:

1. Continuing to limit the number of visitors and parents into the school buildings.
2. Continuing to wash hands with regularity using soap and hot water or hand sanitiser.
3. Limit the time we congregate together in large groups during the school day.
4. Maintaining ventilation in all classrooms through open windows.
5. Adults wearing facemasks in all communal areas.
6. Maintaining a thorough cleaning regime at all times.

Public Health England have asked that I write to you all and explain measures that they insist all families take to keep children, staff, and all families healthy.

PHE have stressed that to break the cycle of transmission between homes we must:

1. Ensure that a child and their family complete a PCR test if they have any of the known Coronavirus symptoms:
 - a) a high temperature - this means that you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
 - b) a new and continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour.
 - c) A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means that you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different than normal.
2. All household members should complete a PCR test if a household member is confirmed to be positive on a LFT or PCR test.
3. If any household member shows symptoms, they must isolate until they are confirmed to not have coronavirus through a negative PCR test.
4. It is important that children who may be showing symptoms do not come to school until test results have confirmed that they do not have the coronavirus.

Please do continue to follow the guidance and help us to keep each child healthy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Head Teacher

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