

Tuesday, 8th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is clear from the current figures coming through that there is a rise in positive COVID cases in the country. The school and our staff will need to remain vigilant and rigorous in applying the structures we have in place to minimise the incident of COVID-19 in school.

However, we need you as the parents to continue to support those measures. We cannot have children queueing for school outside of the gates due to the amount of traffic that uses Station Road, the number of junctions, the School Crossing Position and the blind corners. It simply isn't safe. Therefore we will maintain opening the main gate and allowing families to wait in the front playground.

Parental Expectations

- **Only one adult to drop off and collect** the children to reduce the number of adults entering school grounds.
- Arrive at your oldest child's time for drop off to minimise waiting time. No child will be regarded as 'late'. If it is easier to arrive for a child's latest drop off time this will be fine.
- If waiting in the front playground please maintain **2 metre distancing**.
- When coming through the black gate OR leaving through the rear green gate please maintain **2 metre distancing**.
- When waiting in the main playground again please keep to **2 metre distancing**. The children may not manage this but we would ask parents to do so.
- Any parent that wishes to wear a face covering may do so, the government advice for schools is focused on children and staff.

Coughs, Colds and Illness

The symptoms for COVID-19 are a high temperature, a continuous cough and a loss of taste and smell. However, children often do not show these symptoms and of course the school has to be hyper vigilant. If a child develops symptoms that give us concern they will be isolated in school with a trusted adult and parents requested to collect ASAP. The expectation is for that child to then be booked for a test. The isolation period for a positive test is 10 days.

If a family member shows symptoms we would expect parents to inform us and a 14 day period of isolation will then start.

At this point we would ask that any child showing cold like symptoms is kept off school while recovering, if these develop in to possible COVID like symptoms they should be tested. We cannot be too careful at this point.

Tik Tok – Be Aware – Please Check

Please be aware that there are some videos on Tik Tok which are highly inappropriate for children to be viewing. Removing the videos seems to take forever and ALL children are in danger of viewing material that can be very upsetting. These get shared, sometimes by adults to warn others, but this just keeps the 'viral' nature of such videos going. We would ask all parents to keep a rigid check on what their children are viewing especially in the next few days as we are aware of one video being discussed in the village.

School Office and Queries

Contact with the school office needs to be by email (info@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or telephone in the first instance please. We would ask that you are patient with the school office team responding to queries. Not only is the beginning of a new school year always busy but not being able to meet parents face to face for quick questions makes everything take longer. The school office will be open from September 1st.

Direct Information from the government for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

If you have any urgent questions please contact Mr Snape via headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk and he will get back to you ASAP.

Take care and see you all soon



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team