

# North Stainley C of E Primary School

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DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**Following advice from the Local Authority and Public Health, I am writing to confirm that school will remain open as normal and it remains statutory for your child to attend. Please see the information below.**

As you know there has been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community in class 1 and 2, 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 unless they develop symptoms. However, they are advised to get a PCR test, as they are at a higher risk of developing COVID-19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

If any of the positive cases have siblings in other year groups, we would ask that they also take a PCR test. If the siblings are likely to present a high risk of onward transmission (for example, younger pupils who may not be able to follow social distancing, or if parents are also positive) then we recommend that they stay at home until they have a PCR result.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances) - this is done by the national Test and Trace system.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the cases to share with Test and Trace.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them as soon as possible.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other 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 stay at home and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

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The school has a contingency plan in place which has now been triggered by the number of cases. We are back operating in two bubbles for lunch (Class 1/3 and Class 2), the children will not mix with children from other classes during break times and lunch time play; Collective Worship will be done in bubbles or digitally and there will be no face-to-face meetings with parents. We will monitor cases and let you know shortly how we will accommodate Christmas plans.

Yours sincerely

Louise Wallen

Headteacher

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