

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



28th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term holiday, it is lovely to see the children back in school today.

As you will be aware, there are changes nationally and I wanted to let you know about the testing and self-isolation guidelines that have been issued. New guidance on Living with Covid is available <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19> and updated operational guidance has been published by the DfE https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf

It is very positive that we are finally moving towards a life without restrictions, but we must remain respectful that every individual may have different approaches to the Government changes. We are also aware that there are still cases of Covid-19 in our community and therefore we ask that you continue to be vigilant. As a result, we will be maintaining the following measures in school:

Ensuring good hygiene for everyone

Maintaining appropriate cleaning procedures

Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

Continuing to follow Public Health Advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Further procedures/changes you need to be aware of:

There is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate but until the 1st April, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days (and up to 10 full days) and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

We request that all parents, carers and children continue to adhere to this guidance. Even if your child tests negative, we would ask that they do not return to school until they are well enough. Schools are not legally bound to let parents know about positive cases within their child's class, but if numbers reach outbreak status, we will let you know about this (where there are 3 cases or more in a class of 30). Please continue to inform school if your child is experiencing symptoms or has tested positive.

Thank you for your support, as previously please do not send your child into school if they have a temperature or if they are unwell. If your child becomes ill whilst at school, we will ask you to collect them as quickly as possible. **Please notify us if there have been any changes to emergency contact details.**

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday March 3rd with all the children.

Kind regards,

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