



7th December 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PARENTS/CARERS OF DELAPRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID-19 INFORMATION – DECEMBER 2021

We are sending out this reminder to all our Parents and Carers, as we must follow a consistent procedure throughout our school.

If we are to protect as many people as possible from this awful virus, we must all adhere rigidly to this process. When you are asked, by any member of our school staff, to follow this procedure, please remember this is not the request of an individual – but our school policy, which everyone must follow, and is based on national government guidelines.

Sadly, we have had a few negative responses from parents who have been asked to collect their children if they are unwell and/or showing signs of COVID-19, which has been both frustrating and upsetting to our staff – this is not acceptable.

If your child does show any of the following symptoms*, they must self-isolate and be booked in for a PCR test at a local testing centre. **Please inform the school of the result once a test has been undertaken.**

***Symptoms of COVID-19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

1. a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour – OR – 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually do have a cough, this may be worse than normal)
2. a high temperature – this means hot to touch on chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
3. a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or foods/drinks taste significantly different to usual

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

*If we notice that your child has developed one, or more, of the symptoms listed above, we will require you to collect your child immediately, and take them for a PCR test. The child will not be allowed back in school until **either** a 10-day isolation period has been completed following a positive test result, **OR** they have a negative PCR result and are well enough to attend school.

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have tirelessly supported us throughout this difficult period. It has not been easy to keep the school fully functional as we, too, have suffered from staff absences due to these guidelines. Our own staff have children who they may have to stay home with, so we are fully aware of the implications on employers, as well as employees. Somehow, we have managed to do this though, with your support and our amazing staff.

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Headteacher

