

8 July 2021

Dear parent/carer

### Important Reminders about Covid-19 Precautions

You will have all seen/heard the statements from No 10 this week that after the 19<sup>th</sup> July that restrictions are being lifted from 19 July 2021.

Whilst this may be the case for businesses out of school and for socialising, at Uffculme, our Risk Assessment will remain in place until at least the end of the academic year and within school we will be maintaining bubbles and continue to wear masks in shared areas.

We would remind you that if you come on to the school site, you must wear a mask, unless you are medically exempt. If you are asked to come into any of the school buildings, we will be requesting that you to carry out a lateral flow test prior to arrival, and bring proof of a negative test.

Whilst many of you have been fully vaccinated, vaccines are not 100% effective against the Delta variant and the level of transmission by those who have been vaccinated remains uncertain.

You must contact the school immediately and self-isolate if your child, you or a member of your household:

- have any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- have tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your childcare or support bubble has symptoms and you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- someone in your childcare or support bubble tested positive and you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or in the 48 hours before their test
- you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

You must take a PCR test if you are suffering from any symptoms, and are advised to get take a PCR test if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. If anyone in your household tests positive, you need to contact the school immediately.

As a school we carry out our own track and trace processes to keep our students and staff safe. In Birmingham we are still facing a low vaccine uptake and a growing number of positive C19 cases due to the Delta variant.

At Uffculme School we are facing daily changes to staffing levels due to orders to isolate. Whilst we will do our utmost to keep the school open until the 21st July as planned, we may face issues regarding supervision and safety in some classes. If we cannot maintain appropriate levels of supervision we will have to close bubbles and send children home. If this is the case, home learning will resume for your child.

There will inevitably be changes over the summer months, and we will be considering the risk assessment for our return in September. In the meantime, we appreciate your support in continuing to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', written in a cursive style.

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