September 28th 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Confirmed case(s) of Covid-19

We have had confirmation that one or more (less than 5) people have tested positive (on a PCR test) in the last ten days for Covid-19 in each of the following classes:

Gwithian, Truro, Newlyn, Helston

Please note that this information is ever changing and as such can only be deemed correct at the point of me writing the letter and only covers where there has been a confirmed positive PCR test reported to school.

As you will be aware, the school is no longer required to close bubbles when a positive case is confirmed. All classes, therefore, remain open and your child should continue to attend school unless they are unwell or have any of the symptoms of Covid-19.

The school is no longer asked to identify which children are close contacts of anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. This task is now carried out by Test and Trace. If your child is identified by Test and Trace as a close contact of the positive case, they will be in touch directly to advise you of this and provide you with advice on testing (which is likely to be a recommendation to arrange a PCR for your child) and how to help to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please note that children below the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to self-isolate even if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case unless they themselves show symptoms.

As there has been one or more (less than five) positive cases confirmed in the above cases, please can we all be extra vigilant to look out for symptoms of Covid-19. Symptoms are a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. The newer variants of the virus can also result in a runny nose and general 'cold' like symptoms. If your child does develop symptoms, they should remain at home until they can have a PCR test. You can arrange a PCR test using this link: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phoning 119. If the test result is positive, your child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. If the test is negative, your child can return to school as soon as they feel well enough to do so.

If there are further cases within any of the classes that take the number of confirmed cases in each class to 5 or more the school will inform you in writing and share with you the action it is taking following guidance from the Department of Education and the Local Health Authority.

Please be assured that, just as before, the school is taking action in-line with government guidance to reduce the potential spread of the virus.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Best wishes

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