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Covid-19 Update 5th October 2021

Dear all

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with the recent Covid-19 cases in school. Following the recommendation for PCR tests in the most challenged year groups - Years 6 and 8 - we did see an increase in positive cases yesterday and today. We also have a member of staff who has tested positive for the virus - again, asymptomatic and now self-isolating at home.

Across CBC there has been an increase in cases generally. Central Bedfordshire and our local director of public health have recommended a number of measures for individual education and childcare settings, if the number of positive cases increases substantially ... which includes us all here at Holywell. This advice has just been updated with the following advice:

Where possible, any child/student who lives with a sibling who has tested positive in the last 10 days should not come to school, and should take a PCR test 3 to 5 days after the onset of symptoms, or the first positive test in the household (whichever was soonest). They should then stay away from school until a negative test result is received. If the test result is positive, they must isolate for 10 days from the positive test result.

Students are expected to participate in remote learning, and students, parents and carers will not be penalised for their absence from school in following this advice.

If the PCR test is negative and the student is not displaying any symptoms, then they must return to school.

Transmission between household members is very common and Public Health are recommending this additional measure to prevent further disruption in school from COVID-19.

Exceptions: Please note that this advice does not apply to children who have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days, nor those who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine more than 14 days ago. They should then only stay at home and get a test if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

This advice will be reviewed after 14 days, along with the other additional measures that have been put in place.

Please note, this is advice and is not mandatory - the rationale for the advice for siblings to remain at home and then have a PCR test after 3-5 days from the onset of symptoms/positive test result of the first sibling/family member, is to do with incubation periods which have been noted in family settings.

Year 7 & 8 students should continue with lateral-flow testing and there is still time to opt in to our Quality Assurance programme which involves taking one additional PCR test alongside a lateral-flow test.

Best wishes

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