Lady Margaret Primary School

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Where children come FIRST

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Dear parents/carers,

We have been aware of several members of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency. **The school remains open and it is important that your child continues to attend if they remain well.**

We have updated our risk assessment and additional control measures have already been implemented, the risk assessment is available on the school website.

To minimise transmission, we have been advised by the London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC) that we are unable to go ahead with in-person school events until further notice, **unfortunately this means that all scheduled Christmas/end of term performances are now cancelled.**

To stop Coronavirus spreading, if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.

- If negative, your child can end self-isolation;
- If positive, your child should isolate until at least 10 full days after their symptoms appeared.

If your child has a positive test result, but does not have symptoms, they should still stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

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New advice

As COVID is commonly spread amongst a household, **even in those who are vaccinated**, if a member of your household has tested positive, we recommend that all household members undertake 7 days of daily testing with lateral flow tests (LFT). Lateral flow tests can be ordered online and should be taken for 7 days from the date of COVID-19 symptoms started in the household or from the date of the first positive test if there are no symptoms. In addition, all household members are encouraged to undertake a PCR test.

To reduce ongoing transmission in the community we strongly recommend that, where a member of your family has tested positive, all household members should limit social or non-essential activity outside of the school day for 10 days from the date of the first positive test if there are no symptoms or 10 days from the date that COVID-19 symptoms started in the household. This includes playdates, sports, parties, and any extracurricular activities.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results

Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Yours sincerely

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