



Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School

Love and Justice for All

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Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that over the half term holiday, there have been a number of confirmed positive Covid-19 cases.

Although this is a virus we are told 'we must learn to live with,' I feel that, at this time, there is even more uncertainty and difference of opinion as restrictions ease and conflicting guidance from the government and Public Health England is given, which is only confirmed when talking to neighbouring schools in our cluster. Throughout the last lockdown, I have always stated that one size does not always fit all, which is again confirmed within each school, as there seems to be no 'perfect' model to follow.

While ensuring all of our children continue to have a high quality education by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, with lasting memories, I want to reassure you that the safety and well-being of everyone at school is our number one priority. Guiden Sutton has been extremely fortunate not to have experienced high numbers of Covid-19 cases since the pandemic started.

School continues to be thoroughly cleaned throughout the school day by Mrs. Jones and Mr. Davis, who also comes in at lunchtime to clean toilets and touch points. Children and staff constantly wash and sanitise their hands, whilst practising the 'Catch it. Kill it. Bin it.' mantra, eat lunch in both the hall and their classrooms (where rooms are well ventilated) and have playtimes on separate playgrounds. We are continuing to use a hybrid model for Collective Worship in that they are delivered via Zoom, in split Key Stages and as a whole school for special occasions.

All staff continue to test at least twice a week to help keep potential transmission to a minimum. Unfortunately, primary school children are not obliged to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) as a matter of course, but thank you to those parents who test their children as part of their morning routine. As a school, we are not expected to inform parents of confirmed Covid-19 cases. However, moving forward, I will communicate if there are an increased number of cases. Parents can then make an informed decision if you want your child to take an LFT as not all people display symptoms specified by the government.

Please can I again reiterate that we endeavour to limit the transmission of Covid-19 within our Guiden Sutton school family. However, we cannot guarantee this, as it is a virus that affects people in so many different ways, with children often being asymptomatic.



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Please see attached the letter written by Public Health England for further information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding, as we try to do what is best for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Theresa Rainford