

Rivington Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope that you and your families have had a good half term break. I wish to provide an update to the current situation in school and one or two reminders that were included in my previous letter.

The local situation in relation to Covid-19 tightened further on 5 November following the announcement from the Prime Minister. It is inevitable that the increase in the number of people locally who are testing positive for Covid-19 will have an impact on Rivington.

We do ask that you keep all of those affected by the virus - in so many ways - in your thoughts and prayers. There have been further cases during half term, which have affected both pupils and staff, but we are fortunate, at the moment, that we can continue to keep school open, offering our full curriculum as normally as possible for our children. This will be an increasing challenge in the winter months and we ask for your continued support in the following:

Pupils should continue to enter the school premises, at their specified time, in their year group bubbles and assemble in the same way as prior to half term. Please remind your sons/ daughters about 'Hands- Face- Space' and the reasons for this.

Pupils should exit school using the one-way system at their specified time.

Although sanitiser is available in all classrooms it is extremely helpful if pupils do have their own and keep this in their bag.

If you need to inform school of a positive Covid 19 result for your child or yourself, please do so as soon as possible so that we can take any necessary action in relation to identifying and isolating contacts. Please contact the school office to report this during the school day. In the evening or during the weekend, please do so by emailing bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk/07794743232 in the email please inform school of:

- The date of test and date of first symptoms
- The date you believe isolation ends

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Please ensure that your child does not attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 (a new continuous cough, or fever, or loss of/ change in smell or taste).

Please remember, that if a member of your household is awaiting Covid 19 test results, all members of the household should be isolating. Pupils should only come into school if the results for that household member are confirmed as negative.

If a member of a household tests positive for Covid 19, (for example a parent/ carer) this means that the pupil will need to isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of the test whichever is the soonest. Members of the household should only have a test if they have symptoms. It is not possible for pupils to return to school if they have a negative test but are in a household with someone who has tested positive (the 14-day isolation period still applies).

If the pupil themselves tests positive then their isolation period is for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms or the positive test. (Please note, this is the latest guidance we have in school, but I do understand from parents that they are sometimes being advised for other household members to be tested too.)

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that if school needs to contact you because your child has become ill, or needs to isolate that we can do so as swiftly as possible.

Remote learning for individual pupils who need to isolate (but who are well enough to work).

Please refer to the remote learning guide and policy, which sent home before half term.

Although the second lockdown announced by the Prime Minister, commenced on 5 November, Rivington, like other schools, will remain open to pupils in all year groups. We will keep you informed of any further changes that may be necessary because of changing circumstances in school, or at local or national level.

School would like to kindly request that Parents/Carers wear facemasks at drop-off and pick-up.

Thank you again for your support. Yours sincerely,

Sarah Annette