

# Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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*Reach for the Stars*

13.12.21

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Update on the current situation in school

We are continuing to suffer absences due to the effects of COVID in school. We are hopeful that all potential cases have now been tested and with the cooperation of parents, all are awaiting a negative PCR test result before coming into school or are returning from having had COVID and having been in isolation. I do feel this makes the school safer than last week presently which is a more positive situation on the whole.

We currently have an outbreak in Class 3 where seven class members have tested positive in the last 10 days, but no class member who has tested positive has been in school since last Friday and the class was in a bubble at that point. In Class 2 we currently have only 3 positive cases in the last 10 days and the last positive case was reported on the 9.12.21 and they hadn't been in school since 8.12.21. In Class 1 we currently have four positive cases and the last positive case was in school on the 7.12.21, last Tuesday. We have no reported cases in Nursery.

If your child has finished their isolation then they would be expected and welcomed back into school as soon as they can come in. Some children cannot make it into school due to family isolations which is understandable, however attendance of others is expected and children who are being kept off will unfortunately be considered unauthorised. They will also be missing out on the Christmassy events planned for the week, which will be a shame as we move towards Christmas.

Although I can understand and to some extent sympathise with some parents' reticence in sending their child into school, the bubble situation and extra step up measures do work when parents follow them and Class 1 and 2 definitely seem to be recovering due to this. Some children have been kept off a little too much in the last few weeks and this will have a detrimental impact on their learning, as it could equate to another summer holiday length of time and this always has an impact on progress.

Online learning is in place on the class homework pages of the website. Step up measure do mean we have some extra COVID secure procedures if household members are displaying symptoms for example and I am not changing those presently. This means that if one household member displays symptoms and needs a PCR or tests positive on a PCR, then all other siblings are advised to isolate until a negative PCR result is obtained. This was put in place in consultation with Public Health Shropshire and is not due to reviewed until the end of term. I realise a couple of families were unsure of this as it isn't in line with current national procedures.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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