

# Bitterley C of E Primary School Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the widespread community transmission across the county resulting in a rising number of outbreaks, particularly in school settings, Shropshire's Director of Public Health has introduced increased local guidance.

## PCR testing

"All household contacts of a confirmed case (PCR positive) should undertake a PCR test, with or without symptoms, and remain home until a negative PCR is returned. This means that pupils who have a household contact who is a confirmed case (PCR positive) should be recommended to take a PCR test and not attend school while awaiting the result. Absence should be coded as X. If the PCR result is negative, then pupils should be recommended to have a further PCR test after 4 or 5 days as a precaution. They can continue to attend the setting when waiting on the second PCR result.

All close contacts of confirmed cases (PCR positive) are also recommended to take a PCR test but unless they have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 or any of the precautionary symptoms, they can continue to attend the setting when waiting on results of the PCR."

## Large School Gatherings

"We would advise that large school gatherings such as assemblies, open evenings, residential school trips, scheduled sports events against other schools, and whole school staff meetings etc. are risk assessed and cancelled/postponed where necessary. "

In light of the new local guidance and as we have members of the school community with Covid 19, as well as staff and pupils awaiting PCR results we have made the decision not to invite family and friends to the Harvest Festival. We intend to video the service it so that we can share it with you.

We thank you for your understanding regarding this change in arrangements and any others we may need to make. We will put all preventative measures in place so that we don't have to return to class bubbles, staggered drop off and pick ups etc.

Yours sincerely

Kerrie Lewis

Executive Headteacher

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Head of School

