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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 rates in Staffordshire, and particularly in the Staffordshire Moorlands, are now some of the highest in the UK, and Staffordshire County Council has asked us to do what we can to reduce these rates and stop the spread of the virus in our communities.

As a parent, you can help by:

- continuing to LFT test your household twice a week. If you are willing to do so, we would also ask you to consider including your child in this routine.
- getting everyone in your house PCR tested without delay if an LFT test returns positive, for any household member.

**You must:**

- **Keep your child at home if your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, and get a PCR test as soon as possible at a local testing site.**

The local authority are also strongly recommending that:

- If a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, all members of your household get PCR tests as a precaution and are asking that household members stay at home until you get your result.

We have also been asked by the local authority to put together some extra measures to limit the spread of the virus.

We have already been and will continue to:

- Reintroduce a temporary bubble system if 10% or more of a class, or in some instances the year group, have received a positive result. This will remain in place until we are comfortable that the outbreak has been contained.
- Strongly recommend the use of face coverings/masks to all pupils and staff in communal areas and support any pupils or staff who wish to wear one within the classroom. This is unless there is a medical, or other reason why the pupil or staff member can't or shouldn't wear a mask.

- Review our extra-curricular provisions and any home or away fixtures that we had initially planned on hosting or attending. We will work with and act on guidance and instructions from Staffordshire Moorlands' Local Outbreak Control Team (LOCT) where there is a significant risk of infecting other schools and/or local areas.
- Increase our enhanced cleaning, especially in high-risk areas.
- Strongly advise that your child (and all household contacts) take a PCR test, when a sibling/other member in their household has had a positive PCR, LFT or has Covid symptoms. Children and their siblings will be advised to stay at home pending a PCR test result – this will normally take 48-72 hours or less if you are able to drive to a testing site.

If infection rates escalate, Staffordshire Moorlands' LOCT may ask us to move learning online for one or more of our year groups, for a short period of time, to prevent the spread and reduce ongoing transmission. If that happens we will, of course, let you know as soon as possible.

If you would like to read our COVID Risk Assessments and plans they are available to read in the Policies section of our school website [Churnet View Middle School \(ttl.org.uk\)](https://www.ttl.org.uk) . You can also find other related information within our [Coronavirus Information](#) tab.

Please be reassured that we will try our very best to retain normal procedures within school if at all possible. Your support in identifying cases early to prevent spread within the classroom would be hugely appreciated to help us to do this.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher