

## **COVID-19 – update for parents and carers from Keri Cole, Chief Education Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council**

Dear Parent,

You will no doubt have seen recent media reports about increasing numbers of positive coronavirus cases in schools across the area. It is clear that coronavirus has not gone away and remains a real risk to us all.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who are doing their bit to control the spread of coronavirus in our community.

Self-isolation plays a key role in reducing the spread and you will know that we must follow guidance and ask pupils to isolate for a period of 10 days if they are in affected bubbles.

We fully acknowledge that self-isolation can be frustrating for young people, particularly for those who are not displaying symptoms, but it is imperative that we all follow these rules and isolate at home for a period of 10 days if asked to do so.

If we are to reduce the chances of further disruption to our pupils' education, it is imperative that everybody follows this guidance closely

Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature (37.8oC or above) and/or
- Loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.
- Headache, sore throat or runny nose.

Children displaying any of the above symptoms should not attend school. We would also wish to advise parents of the wider symptoms which the Delta variant can present, including hay fever like symptoms; diarrhoea and/or an upset stomach.

We kindly request that parents are hyper-vigilant for any of these conditions and request that if your child presents with any, they book a PCR test immediately.

Regards

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