



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, schools received further guidance from Wiltshire Council and Public Health England, following a review of the advice provided to schools prior to half term around increasing measures to prevent the spread of COVID19.

Whilst cases and rates across the South West are falling, they remain high, and are particularly high in school-aged children and young people. Given the continuation of high levels of spread, a decision has been made to extend the advice (provided below) up until the end of November.

For primary schools, these measures include:

- Halting 'whole school' assemblies and any other large gatherings and mixing
- Reducing mixing between groups as much as possible
- Continuing social distancing and good infection prevention control (ventilation, touchpoint cleaning)

At Christ Church, we are already implementing these control measures and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We have been asked to promote and publicise the effectiveness of vaccination as the best protection for all eligible cohorts including staff and students. We also ask everyone to make a continued effort on testing. Close contacts of confirmed cases (including siblings of confirmed household cases) are advised to take daily LFD tests while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend school (unless they test positive). This is advised for primary school aged children but is at the discretion of the parent/guardian.

The advice is that if unwell stay at home until symptom free. Where individuals test negative for COVID-19, and they have had a fever, they should still wait until 24 hours post fever to go back into a setting. Colds and other non-Covid symptoms are circulating but in the first instance new persistent cough and high temperatures should be treated as possible COVID-19 and trigger isolation and testing. This is the case even if others in the setting/group have tested negative for similar symptoms.

We will keep you updated if we receive further guidance and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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