

Covid- 19

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Dear families,

I hope my letter finds you well. I write to offer what clarity I can pertaining to Covid-19 and around managing a positive case, whilst bearing in mind that Index cases are fully entitled to confidentiality. We must act in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

Unfortunately, since the start of Term 1, we have had some positive cases of Covid-19, be it child or adult. On a brighter note, this has not led to whole school closure.

In any event, I assure you that we are following all guidelines issued to head teachers by Glasgow Education regarding managing a positive case. Such guidelines are underpinned by Public Health advice.

When I am advised of a positive test result, which can be at any time of day or night, important discussions and investigations are taken to identify, who meets the 'contact' criteria, as laid out in the guidelines. Such a contact would be asked to self-isolate.

Schools will need to respond in different ways when managing a positive case; there will be times when group isolation is possible and times when whole class isolation is necessary. Potentially, a whole school could be closed and hopefully it would never come to that.

These situations develop very quickly and we respond based on information, as it becomes available. Unfortunately infectious people do not display symptoms immediately and can be asymptomatic too. This pandemic is certainly keeping us all on our toes.

Please continue to ask any questions that you may have and I will do my very best to answer them.

The current rise in cases is evident but we are doing our utmost to keep everyone at Our Lady of Peace safe.

I have outlined overleaf, key areas where we focus on this all important safety. It is not an exhaustive list as risk assessment and review of our practices is a common feature of our work here. It should give you some idea of what we have in place.

Again, I appreciate your understanding and ask that you email me should you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

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- Physical distancing by adults from each other
- Physical distancing between staff and children as much as possible
- Four staff areas for break times with seating 2m apart
- Sanitising throughout the school
- Hand washing routines throughout the school
- Covid Posters/signage throughout the school
- Daytime Covid Hygienist with a clear timetable of areas to be cleaned repeatedly throughout the day
- Children in class bubbles with assigned seats
- Children in class bubbles in Dining Hall
- Staggered breaks
- Use of resources limited and specific to each child, e.g. each child has a wallet of resources for own use
- Regular cleaning of resources as required
- Transport of items from Home –School reduced/minimised
- Quarantine of resources when required
- Use of a specialist cleaning team when required
- Limited numbers in the toilets at any one time
- Sterile staffrooms
- PPE if required
- Strict visitor/sign in policy
- Classes each have sanitising products
- Isolation area- for awaiting collection, if showing symptoms