



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

22nd November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID Update – November 2021

You may be aware that both Lincolnshire and South Holland have seen an increase in COVID cases recently, we have also seen an increase within school. As such I thought it was important to write to you to reassure you that we continue to follow the current Government guidance that is in place at this current time. We also liaise with the Trust and PHE with regards to all cases to ensure we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of all in school.

As part of this we would like to ask for your continued support. **If your child or a member of your household is presenting with any of the three main symptoms...**

- a new persistent cough
- high temperature
- loss of taste or smell

...please ensure that you do not send them into school but book them in for a PCR test as soon as possible. As we have shared previously, the LFD tests that many people use as part of routine testing should not be used in the case of any symptoms as they are not suitable for this purpose. **Where there are symptoms a PCR test must be booked and undertaken with a negative PCR result necessary before a child can return to school.** Results should be sent to absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

Similarly, if a member of your household or a close contact tests positive for COVID, a PCR test should be booked, at a testing centre, for all members of the household as soon as possible. We do appreciate that postal tests are available however the turnaround for these can have a significant impact on managing cases within school. Given that the current guidance does allow travel to a testing centre, by car or by foot where individuals have had contact with a positive case or even where they are presenting with symptoms, we would ask that this is the option undertaken by all please. We are fortunate enough to have a testing centre within walking distance in the town centre (Vine Street Car Park) with results turned around within roughly 24 hours. **Obviously with pupils able to attend school if they are not displaying symptoms, rapid results can only positively support our response to the ongoing situation.** Thank you for your continued support. If you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.



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To book a PCR test, you can call 119 or go online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If you book the PCR online, once you have answered the questions you should come to a page where it offers you test centres to choose from - **Vine Street Car Park in Spalding** should hopefully be an option. *If it isn't an option you may need to try a bit later in the day once they have loaded tomorrow's appointments onto the system.*

Kind Regards,

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