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**Covid 19 – continuing to keep our school and community safe**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that cases in Northumberland and within the local community are rising again and therefore we would urge people to exercise extreme caution while following the current guidelines. Our primary concern is to maintain the education of the children and this could be jeopardised by positive cases of children or staff in school.

**Reminder –**

Whilst it is not mandatory to regularly test for Covid, we suggest that it is extremely good practice to do so in order to protect both children and staff in school enabling lessons and learning to continue safely.

Northumberland County Council Healthcare have advised that any child who has been in close contact with a person with Covid should remain at home and seek a PCR test, if that test is positive the child should isolate in accordance with government guidelines.

We have also been advised by the Public Health team at NCC that a PCR test should also be carried out by other members of the household.

If this test is negative, the child is safe to come into school, but we have been informed that it is good practice to carry out regular lateral flow tests in case symptoms show at a later date or the child is asymptomatic.

We do appreciate you taking these extra precautions over and above the current regulations to keep our school community safe, well staffed and open.

Best wishes  
Belinda Athey, Headteacher

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