

Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You will have seen recent national news about the tightening of rules with regards to COVID-19. New temporary measures are being put in place for a period of three weeks, which will then be reviewed.

In school, not a huge amount is changing and there will be no significant disruption to the running of a normal day. There are, however, several things which we will be doing a bit differently in order to keep in line with temporary guidance.

Masks

The Department for Education (DfE) has issued guidance, stating that face coverings should be worn in communal areas by all staff and visitors. (Primary school children are not expected to wear masks.)

Unless they choose otherwise, staff will not be wearing face masks when leading activities in the classrooms or around school. However, staff will wear them more routinely when they are moving around school independently or when accessing a communal area.

All visitors will be expected to wear a covering, if accessing the inside of the school. Please try to prioritise meetings either by telephone or via an online platform. All face-to-face meetings must please be by prior appointment.

This is more applicable to parents of children in the early years, but if you do need to enter the setting to help settle your child, please kindly wear a face covering.

Please note, this guidance only applies to those who can safely wear a mask.

Isolation

There has also been a change to isolation requirements. If you have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, then you will need to isolate for ten days. This is a new requirement regardless of age or vaccination status.



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Otherwise, we will continue to be guided by Public Health and review our risk management measures. As a community, we can all help by socially distancing ourselves during the beginning and end of the school days.

These measures are precautionary, as we learn more about the new variant. Encouragingly, positive cases have been very rare this half term and we thank everyone for their great effort in helping keep the community safe.

Kind regards

Jem Brereton

Headteacher

