



Milton Primary School
Hendre Farm Drive
Newport
NP19 9HB
Monday 27th September 2021

Dear Milton families,

I hope that you have had a relaxing weekend and managed to enjoy the fine weather ahead of what looks like a slightly more unsettled week!

It came to my attention last week that there seems to be a little confusion among families when it comes to current arrangements in school to minimise the risk of the transmission of Covid as far as possible. To confirm, we are currently taking the following actions in order to keep children and staff as safe as we can:

- Children are still grouped in year group contact groups/ bubbles
- Where it is possible, staff also remain in contact groups/bubbles, with the exception of PPA cover and supply teachers who have to come in to cover unplanned absences.
- All assemblies are via Microsoft Teams- there are no assemblies in the hall.
- Children who attend Breakfast Club sit on tables for their year group bubbles, socially distanced from other bubbles.
- All children are now eating their lunches in the hall, but do so at staggered times and on socially distanced year group tables.
- Playtimes are staggered to ensure there is no mixing of bubbles on the playgrounds- there is one bubble on each playground at a time.
- Children are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene, washing their hands frequently throughout the day.
- Children are encouraged to practice good respiratory hygiene and are encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'
- Children are limited as to when they can move around the school. If children happen to pass in the corridors they are encouraged to 'stand back and wait' for the other children to pass.
- Limited numbers of children permitted to use the bathrooms at a time.
- Children who develop symptoms of Covid in school are kept in an isolation room until they are collected by their parents/ carers.



As you will have seen from the 'warn and inform' letters that have been issued over the past week or so, we have seen an increase in cases in Milton. Fortunately, around half of these so far have been asymptomatic, i.e they do not have any symptoms at all but are still able to transmit the virus.

Both Lateral Flow Tests (for children with no symptoms) and PCR tests (for children with symptoms) can be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, delivered to your home and posted back. It is through families taking regular Lateral Flow Tests that we have been able to identify cases more efficiently.

I can't thank you enough for following the recommendation in these letters to get your children tested, as the early identification of the virus means that we are able to limit the spread as much as possible.

Please can I ask for your further support and ask that parents and carers wear a face covering while you are on school grounds. Staff still have to wear masks in communal areas around the school and so we would appreciate if families could do this also.

I hope that this letter reassures you that we are doing everything we can to limit the spread of the virus as much as possible.

Thankyou for your continued support.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'CBurke'.

Mrs Corinne Burke
Headteacher