



Milton Primary School
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Sunday 31st October 2021

Changes to Self-Isolation Guidance and Covid Risk Level

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half term break and that many of you have managed to stay safe and well.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support in what was without doubt the most challenging half term to date for us here at Milton. We have done everything we can to prioritise well-being for our pupils alongside the planning of exciting learning experiences. However, we are very mindful that children, families and staff have had to deal with frequent PCR testing, isolation due to Covid 19 alongside common illnesses that have kept them away from school and put pressure on childcare arrangements.

Within school staffing has been a challenge with staff having to isolate for 10 days at a time. As you know we have an excellent team of staff at Milton and they have pulled together, doubled duties and we were relieved that we managed to get through the half term without closing any classes!

Updated Isolation Guidance

I am sure you may have seen or heard in the media that the guidance around isolation has changed as of 29th October.

From now on, if someone in your household has symptoms or has tested positive and you are fully vaccinated or aged 5-17 years old, you should self-isolate and take a PCR test. If your test is negative, you can stop isolating.

This will mean the following for us in school:

- Children who live with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive should not come to school until they have a negative PCR test result.
- If a child becomes symptomatic in school, they will be sent home along with any siblings who also attend our school. They may return once they have a negative PCR test result.

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Please note that children aged under 5 do not have to self-isolate or take a test if they have been a contact of a positive case in their household or otherwise.

Covid Risk Level

We have received an update from the Gwent Incident Management Team (IMT). Based on the criteria in the Welsh Government Infection Control Framework, the IMT has now set the community level of risk across the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board at '**very high**'. Therefore, when pupils return to school on Monday November 1st, please can I ask that you remain vigilant whilst on the school site and help us to keep everyone safe by adhering to the following requests:

- **All adults (other than those wearing an exemption lanyard) to wear face masks on site**
- **Only one adult per family to drop off and collect children**
- **Keep your children close to you at all times and do not allow them to play on site before or after school**

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Burke'.

Mrs Corinne Burke
Headteacher