



Wednesday 10th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Positive COVID-19 cases and Parent/Carer Consultation evening

We now have confirmation that there are currently a small number of adult and child COVID-19 cases across the Winterton Federation. Current government guidance is that children under the age of 18 years and 6 months do not have to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case.

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Alongside these symptoms, sickness, headaches and cold are also common more recently. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for a PCR test and can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

As a result, in order to keep everyone in our community safe and reduce the opportunity for further accelerated COVID-19 transmission, we have decided to reintroduce a number of precautions across the Federation.

With much regret we are cancelling our face to face Parent/Carer consultations this evening at Winterton Church of England Infants' school (Wednesday 10th November 2021), and next week at Winterton Junior School (Wednesday 17th November 2021). We are replacing these with telephone conversations at the same allotted times. This simply means your child's class teacher will contact you by telephone for your 10-minute consultation instead of meeting you in school. If you did not stipulate a preferred telephone number on your reply slip because you wanted a face to face consultation and you require us to contact you on a number other than the mobile number already held on our records, please contact the school office to arrange this. Please note that the call from your child's class teacher will present as "No caller ID" as they will be making the consultation calls on their own devices. Additionally, our catering providers, Chartwells, will not be on the WIS site this evening as arranged for school lunch food sample tasting; we will rearrange this as soon as possible once it is safer to do so.

As previously, we ask that masks be worn by all eligible adults at all times whilst on either Federation school site.

I advise all parents/carers to use the Lateral Flow Device tests with their children on a regular basis. These are available from local chemists and the NHS. If your child develops symptoms then please do not send them into school, do organise a PCR test for them and then advise us of the result as soon as possible.

Finally, huge apologies for any inconvenience caused by these last-minute changes. However, I am sure you will appreciate our view that it is much better to be proactive and prevent transmission as much as

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possible than have to deal with something significantly more serious. Many thanks once again for your continued support and understanding.

Stay safe.

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