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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know the recent increase in cases in the local area will be causing some concern amongst the community, so this is why I am writing to you to remind you of how we can all work together to protect one another as much as possible.

- 1) You must wear a mask around school area at drop off and collection.
- 2) Patiently queue 2m apart to drop off/ collect at school - don't hang around to chat near the school please as this adds to pavement and road congestion.
- 3) Stick to your staggered start and drop off times.
- 4) As a local resident follow the PCR test advice from CWAC Public Health that was sent out yesterday (and is at the end of this letter). If you don't have symptoms you don't have to isolate whilst you wait for the result.
- 5) LFT (Lateral Flow Tests) are available and this testing is encouraged for all adults and secondary school age household members. Staff test twice weekly on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening and we will notify you if any results mean we need to close any bubbles whilst waiting for a confirmation PCR result.
- 6) INFORM US OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY PLEASE TO 07701 316490 so we can complete contact tracing. You mustn't email a positive result – it must be by telephone to that mobile number.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND HOME HUB PLACES

Please only use this if you have NO other option at present to keep numbers down. We are not taking any new bookings and can't accommodate 'on the day' requests.

PICK UP TIMES

If your child is old enough and capable enough to walk home (Year 4-6) they should continue to do so.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - POSTPONED

These are now postponed to reduce the mixing of children. We will keep you updated if we are able to start these for the last few weeks.

Here are some NHS links for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

If any of this presents you with difficulty due to your own personal circumstances then please either email contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk or call school and ask for Mrs Tomlinson 01606 593315 – we are here to help!

I will keep you informed of any updates so please ensure we have up to date contact details. Please check your mobile phone number of ParentPay is up to day. We have some lovely things planned for this half term for your children to enjoy.

Thank you for helping keep us all as safe as we can.

With kindest regards

Sarah Tomlinson

Headteacher



Reminder of Public Health's message yesterday:

Advice for residents in Northwich and Winsford to seek a PCR test

Over the past 7 days we have seen a large increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 resulting in a number of outbreaks in businesses and schools. The current increase in the number of new cases are more likely to belong to the Variant B.1.671.2 (Delta variant) which is more transmissible than other previous variants. To reduce the spread of the virus, and understand the extent of spread, Cheshire West and Chester Council Public Health Team are now advising all residents in Northwich and Winsford to book a PCR test regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. To book a test you should visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and select 'My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms' or call 119. Lateral Flow Device home tests **should not** be used instead of a PCR test in this situation. We would advise everyone who lives in a household to go along to get a test together, pupils who are under 16 will need to be accompanied by a parent/carer to access a test. If younger children are unable or unwilling to be tested it is important that adults in the household are still tested as this will enable us to identify household cases. Please notify the school if you or anyone in your household tests positive.

While waiting for your test result you do not need to self-isolate unless:

- You develop symptoms of COVID-19 - a high temperature, or a new and continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Someone you live with develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19
- You are contacted by the school or NHS Test and Trace and advised to self-isolate

We would also like to remind all parents and carers to ensure all adults and secondary age pupils living in the household complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Device home tests. These tests should be completed twice a week even if your PCR test is negative. Details about how to collect test kits can be found below.

- Collect home testing kits from a **local community collect site**, locations can be found in this link: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Collect home testing kits from a **testing site**, locations can be found in this link: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Ordering home testing kits to be delivered to your home using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

