



OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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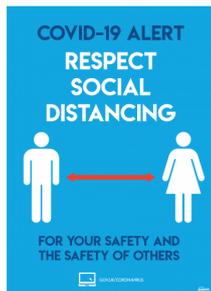
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Covid19 cases and communication

I am writing to you to clarify some points that have been raised with us regarding the ongoing and worsening Covid19 situation.

✚ Firstly, with the number of cases still rising, we continue to respectfully request that all adults collecting (or dropping off), who enter the school grounds, wear a face covering. Further, we also request that parents socially distance as much as they can when in the school grounds and particularly at pick up time. We want you to be able to come into the grounds as much as possible but we need all to respect our measures and requests.



✚ Secondly, we are getting more cases in certain classes each day. The Department for Education guidance for schools and Public Health England advise that we communicate the information regarding cases in any given class once we have a cluster of cases. A cluster is defined as 5+ cases in a single class, that is 5+ positive PCR test results (not lateral flow tests). Only when this threshold is reached will I write to the parents of that class using the standard Public Health England letter. This is a formal and long letter but does clarify the actions that parents should and must take. This action includes ensuring that your child continues to attend school if they are symptom free. (If they have symptoms then they should take a PCR test and stay off school until the result is known and we have been informed)



I appreciate that some local schools are doing this differently to Ocklynge. Some are informing parents of every case and some not informing parents at all, this is their choice and they will have their own reasons for their actions. We are following the DfE and PHE guidance.

✚ Finally, I would request that all communications with the school office are conducted in a polite and respectful way. The team in the school office are following our protocols and do not deserve to be spoken to rudely, which I am afraid to say has been happening.

Thank you all for your continuing support at this very difficult time.

Regards,

Jon Reynard

Headteacher



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