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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some significant and important changes that we will be adopting to reduce the risk of Covid-19 cases spreading.

Shropshire schools have been asked to alter some Covid-19 responses because rates in our county are high. As a Trust we are adopting these changes which will relate to our schools from Monday 4th October 2021 until 31st October 2021 in the first instance. On 1st November we will have reviewed the situation and we may go back to the system we had in place for the start of term. These temporary measures are designed by Shropshire LA to help schools to prevent, reduce and contain the spread of cases within school settings. Please note, they only relate to members of your household that attend our schools, not family members who work or learn elsewhere, unless they have adopted the same measures.

These are the changes:

1. Household positive cases

We are informing staff and students that if someone in their house has had a positive PCR test then all people in the household should have a PCR test too. While they wait for the results, they should stay away from school and ideally shouldn't mix with others (self-isolate). Absence of pupils waiting for PCR results will be coded as X and students should follow online learning using Oak National Academy resources. They can come back to school if their result comes back negative. If the PCR result is negative, then pupils / staff are advised that a second PCR test after 4 or 5 days is sensible. We would also recommend frequent LFTs too. If the result is positive, they should inform school and then follow the current stay at home guidance.

2. The three main symptoms

Anyone with the 3 main symptoms or the precautionary symptoms (even if they are not a close contact of a confirmed case) are recommended to get a PCR test and only return to school after a negative result. They should also consider contacting 111 for medical advice if required because these symptoms are not unique to COVID-19. See [NHS Main Symptoms](#).

3. Close contacts

All close contacts of confirmed cases (PCR positive) are also recommended to take a PCR test but unless they have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 or any of the precautionary symptoms, they can continue to attend school when waiting on results of the PCR.

Thank you for continuing to use precautionary Lateral Flow Testing twice weekly or where students display symptoms of Covid-19. If you have informed us of a positive Lateral Flow Test, please could you update us (by contacting School Reception or emailing our Attendance Officer, Mrs Rowley at Jackie.rowley@csschool.co.uk) as soon as possible with the result of the subsequent PCR test?

Thank you for your ongoing support to keep everyone safe.

Kind regards

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