



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Covid 19 Update**

The updated Risk Assessment is now ready to be viewed on the school website:  
<https://www.welbournprimary.co.uk/Covid%2019.asp> The latest updates and changes have been highlighted in green to help you identify them quickly.

As part of the wider reopening of schools, the Department for Education has emphasised the importance of following the System of Controls:

### **Covid-19 System of Controls**

#### **Prevention**

##### **You must always:**

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

##### **In specific circumstances:**

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

#### **Response to any infection**

##### **You must always:**

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

You may have seen in the news that rapid testing is to be made available for all parents, carers, child minders and support bubbles of school children. As this is not being carried out via schools, we have very limited information about it however, I have found the following information from the Department of Health and Social Care which is useful in explaining how you can take part in the rapid testing:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

**As before, if you, or a member of your household or support bubble tests positive, please isolate with immediate effect and inform the school on the [closure@welbourn.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:closure@welbourn.lincs.sch.uk) email. This includes positive results on a rapid home test as well as on a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test.** It is crucial that you inform school and isolate as soon as possible so that we can begin our role in the track and trace process. The sooner we are able to isolate potential contacts, the more chance we have of preventing a bigger outbreak.

### **What is a contact?**

A contact is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact any time from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms (or, if they did not have any symptoms, from 2 days before the date their positive test was taken), and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A risk assessment may be undertaken to determine this, but a contact can be:

- anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
  - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
  - been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
  - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

The above extract has been taken directly from the following website which provides further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Thank you for taking the time to read the information in this letter. Together, we can work to minimise the spread of COVID-19 within our school and community.

If you have any other queries or concerns, please let us know.

Kind regards

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