



Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past week there has been a small number of children and staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 at HPA. Unfortunately, this continues to reflect the emerging local and national picture for Primary Schools. As a school we are currently reviewing our risk assessment daily due to the changing local picture in conjunction with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team and Public Health England.

The following steps have been introduced this academic year:

- strongly recommending the wearing of face coverings by all members staff in communal areas (unless exempt) where social distancing is not possible
- enhanced ventilation (in addition to that which was in place in the risk assessment)
- enhanced cleaning (in addition to that which was in place in the risk assessment)
- virtual collective worship

This week and upon advice, we have taken the following additional steps:

- cancelled any non-essential face-to-face events in school
- additional cleaning of touch points in all classrooms
- limiting HPA staff travel across the Federation and St Benet's schools
- restricting visitors during the school day
- Installation of CO2 monitors across the school to record levels and inform adjustments to ventilation where applicable

We continue to remind the children of the importance of regular hand washing.

Children in Year 3

We have experienced a cluster of cases in Y3 and in particular, Mother Teresa class. If your child experiences any symptoms, it is advised that they have a PCR test. For information regarding when to self-isolate please visit:

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do-covid-19)

For information on how to book a PCR test please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We are very aware that this is a very unsettling time for many and we fully understand the heightened levels of anxiety that can present in situations that feel unknown. It is very apparent from my interactions with the Local Authority and Public Health England that there are no 'hard and fast thresholds' and I am

constantly reviewing our position, prioritising community safety and wellbeing. We all have a part to play in this and I thank you for your ongoing trust and support.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Connelly
Executive Headteacher