

Dear Parents/carers,

I would like to thank parents/carers who have adhered to the Covid measures outlined by the government. School staff have worked extremely hard to keep you and your children safe in these testing times, while you have been wonderfully supportive, helpful and cooperative in following what, at times, appear complex rules.

Unfortunately, some households are not adhering to self-isolation measures when required. This is disappointing, as it can impact on the lives of other families, pupils and school staff. I am writing to you to clarify the responsibilities we all have to each other in the coming months.

Please can I ask all parents and carers that you inform school immediately if your child is taking a Covid test. **While they are awaiting results of the test, that individual must self-isolate and should not attend school.** To reiterate, children cannot come into school while they are waiting for test results, nor should they play with friends or visit other households. School needs to be informed and kept up to date if you think your child has symptoms and a test has been sought.

At all times out of school, please also ensure that there is no mixing of households (other than support bubbles). Please refrain from sleepovers, other unnecessary social mixing and carsharing during school runs. We all have a responsibility to each other and I ask that the government guidelines of self-isolation and not mixing households be followed rigorously. Failure to follow these rules can have a huge impact on the education, health and welfare of so many people within the school community and beyond.

More challenging months are ahead and we all have the responsibility to each other and the most vulnerable in our community. As a school, we are committed to the health and safety of our entire community. We need to keep your children in school and learning by following the guidelines and advice set out. If we work together, I am certain we can continue to educate your children without further disruption.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Rizzi-Allan