

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you as Headteachers of the 14 schools that comprise the Kirkby Collaborative of Schools.

As you will be very aware we are all facing the challenges of the pandemic - both in school and in the community. All of our schools are currently dealing with the impact of the virus in terms of increased illness amongst children, staff, parents, carers and the wider community in Kirkby. This also includes the impact on the classes and families in terms of periods of self isolation for groups of children and young people.

We want all our schools to remain open. The schools have all taken many measures to try and keep everyone safe and limit the impact of the virus.

Thank you for your support so far. However more than ever we need your further support in the fight against the virus - we need to work together as a Kirkby community.

Therefore we are asking that you all follow the advice below.

If your child is sent home to self isolate please ensure they stay in the home for that period of time as requested by school - do not take your child to the shops, to visit relatives, to play out with other children, to go and meet friends. Quite simply they need to **stay at home**.

If you or any member of your household is awaiting the result of a virus test do not send your child to school during that waiting period.

If your child or any member of the family is generally unwell or shows symptoms of any of the following:

- Persistent cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

Then they should stay at home. If you are unsure, call the school for advice.

Please wear a facemask when coming onto the school premises.

We also ask all members of our community to follow the local restrictions for Knowsley and the national guidelines:

- **Wash hands** - keep washing your hands regularly
- **Cover face** - wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** - stay at least 2 metres apart - or one metre with a face covering or other precautions.

By working together we can all make our schools and the Kirkby community a safer place to live, work and learn.

Yours sincerely

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