



# Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been fortunate this term to have only had a small number of COVID cases. However, both in Gloucestershire and nationally numbers are now increasing rapidly. As a result, today the South West Regional Schools Commissioner, South West UK Health Security Agency (formerly PHE) and the South West Directors of Public Health have asked us to reintroduce some COVID measures after the half term holiday. We are hoping this will be a short term measure, the situation will be reviewed after 14 days.

We had planned for face to face parents' evenings after half term. Unfortunately, these will now be online via Teams. You will receive an invite via email.

We are also reintroducing the following measures:

- Parents to wear masks for drop off and collection and follow the one ways system (enter via playground gate and exit via main front gate)
- Parents and children from different classes to maintain social distancing whilst on site (no allocated drop off and collection times at present)
- The amount of contact between class bubbles will be reduced
- There will be no whole school collective worships in the hall
- Only essential visitors will be allowed onsite

We recommend Daily LFD testing for all close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace whilst individuals await their PCR results, particularly household contacts. We are now asking that you also consider this for primary school aged children (this remains at the discretion of the parent/guardian).

We will continue with enhanced cleaning, regular handwashing and good ventilation in rooms. As the days get colder please ensure your child always brings school jumper and coat.

We are very lucky to have lots of outdoor space. To make the most of this, and also reduce contact, between classes we will be using the field even when muddy. Please ensure your child has wellie boots in school.

Best wishes for a restful half term and thank you in advance for your support with the arrangements for the start of next term. We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nolan

