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We will give all children the opportunity to be who God created them to be and have fullness of life.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID-19 measures in schools

We have been informed by the Local Authority that COVID-19 cases in Hartlepool are high and we are seeing an increase in the number of cases in school-age children. It is really important that we do everything we can to keep our children in school and minimise any disruption.

We are told that the vaccination programme is working in preventing serious disease and deaths, however, the vaccine does not stop people from catching or passing on the virus. Older people and those with underlying health problems are more likely to become ill and hospitals are seeing a rise in the number of people admitted with COVID-19.

In light of this, school have reviewed our risk assessment and, as well as continuing with the current measures, we are also putting in place some additional measures to keep our school community safe.

- Staff will continue to test themselves for COVID-19 twice a week, and more frequently if they are asked to do so;
- Adults will wear face coverings when appropriate;
- Reducing and limiting the size of whole school events and gatherings;
- Keeping windows open in classrooms as much as possible and using CO2 monitors;
- Continue to encourage regular hand washing;
- Continue to ask close contacts of positive cases to take a PCR test.

We will review these measures regularly and liaise with our Health and Safety Advisors, Public Health and the Local Authority.

It is our hope that by putting these measures in place, we can go ahead with our planned Autumn Term Activities. School will update you of any changes and updates. I would like to thank you for everything you've done to keep our community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support school during this challenging time.

Mrs Hill



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