



**The Priory School**

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Dear parents and carers

We have received updated guidance from Shropshire public health which has been sent to all schools. This arrived at lunchtime today. There are some big changes which I have listed below.

- **If ANYONE in your household tests positive for Covid then all other household members MUST take a PCR not an LFT. CHANGE: whilst awaiting their result they must now stay at home even if they do not have symptoms, they should no longer return to school. This is with immediate effect from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**
- **If you have a child that tested negative on their first PCR and you still have positive cases in your household they will now need to take ANOTHER PCR test 4 or 5 days after their first.**
- Whilst awaiting the second PCR test they can return to school but only if they don't have any symptoms – this includes other symptoms such as sore throat and headache, not just cough, temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste.
- Anyone who displays any symptoms – the top 3 but also what they call precautionary symptoms (headache, sore throat, dizziness, cold like symptoms) should remain off school and take a PCR test.
- If your child is a close contact and there is no one at home with Covid, they will need to take a PCR test but can return to school as long as they do not have symptoms. We have started to send emails home where cases are high in specific classes. Please take your child for a PCR if you receive one of these.
- As before if your child receives a positive LFT result please book them in for a PCR test and keep them away from school.
- Please continue to carry out regular if not daily LFT testing at home.

### Face Coverings

A gentle reminder that students need to bring these from home, we are running out of supplies in school and students need to have them on whenever they are in communal areas.

We may need to review the use of face masks/coverings in classrooms, not just corridors. I will update you as soon as possible.

## Reporting positive Covid cases – important change

To avoid us having to call parents back for the information needed to collate our reporting to public health, if you are reporting a positive Covid case then could you please complete this form on the link below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X4pRTR73X0uDdSbvXs\\_1sYtr5681clhPsEMfswxfkolURUI3VjBQUTJFTEZRNk9PVFBaUURYNEEyMy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X4pRTR73X0uDdSbvXs_1sYtr5681clhPsEMfswxfkolURUI3VjBQUTJFTEZRNk9PVFBaUURYNEEyMy4u)

For any attendance updates e.g. taking your child for a PCR test please report this in the usual way to the main school office.

Thank you for your continued vigilance around symptoms and cases, this is helping us to continue to deliver a normal timetable for as long as possible.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Pope".

Mrs A Pope  
**Headteacher**