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## Rise in cases in the St Agnes community

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a reminder to our community please follow the guidance around testing and self-isolation, especially as we are now experiencing a sharp rise in parents reporting positive cases.

If you or anyone in your family are displaying any symptoms please **do not bring your child to school**. The impact of this for example, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June we have had to close four more bubbles to isolate for 10 days. Staff have observed pupils who should be self-isolating or indeed positive, playing outside near the school! Not following the guidelines is putting other pupils and staff at risk, which no one wants to do.

It is encouraging to find out many of our families are following the guidance, taking the tests and informing school – this means pupils are kept off and the bubbles do not close. This is what should be happening.

Manchester and some specific areas, including Longsight and Levenshulme, has one of the highest rates in the country and it is **continuing to rise**. I would urge all who are not vaccinated to do so. We have shared communication about the vaccination centres before. The Delta variant passes on to people quicker (60% transmissibility) and with wider symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, tummy aches, runny nose etc. I would advise **if you are not sure, get tested to make sure!**

Please do the lateral flow test (LFD) and inform the school. We will always advise you to follow this test up with a PCR test – either order a home test kit (if you are not well) or go to one of the many centres open around Longsight.

Please call the office if you need more help with this.

I understand it is extremely disruptive and frustrating for families when children have to be sent home, and we share the feelings too, as we want children to be in school – it really is the best place for them. However, it is not helpful when my staff are disrespected and spoken to in a rude manner when sending children home. We are all in this together and need to support each other. Aggressive behaviour will be addressed according to our policy and procedures. If anyone does have an issue with any of our procedures then please make an appointment to see me and I will gladly discuss it.

Please tell school as soon as possible by phone or email [admin@st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk) to share information about results or symptoms. The quicker this is done the quicker we can help and protect many more.

Thank you for your support through all this.

Kind regards,

Mr S Uddin

