

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Covid-19 update to families

It has been a long time since I last wrote to you about the Covid-19 risks and our management of those.

It is fair to say that things have been relatively stable over the past few months and I know I speak for us all when saying that we had hoped that we would be able to withstand any sporadic cases without the need to review the continuity of onsite teaching and learning. Sadly, we appear to have a sudden spike in not just seasonal infections, but also in Covid-19 cases.

We already follow a stringent risk assessment in place, with additional protective control measures introduced a few weeks ago, and again this week from Monday this week following the new Omicron variant.

We also continue to encourage all those eligible to engage in the vaccination and boosting programme and to test regularly – at least twice a week – to help manage infection levels in our community. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, please keep them safely at home and email covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I write to you today to ask for your support in helping us keep our school open for as long as possible in the lead up to Christmas, but also to alert you to the fact that we may need to move to remote teaching mode in the coming weeks.

This could be due to an infection outbreak in a given class or zone, but also due to staffing shortages that may occur.

We have previously identified students needing laptop or internet connection support for home-based learning and provided them with all of the equipment required. If any student needs this support now, we will help again. Please contact our ICT Manager via jennie.shiple@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I thank you in advance for us working together to support all students, families and staff at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher