



HEATHLANDS

Nursery, Primary and Secondary Provision, Day & Residential
BSL Training & Resource Centre



Co-Headteachers – Mrs L Reeves Costi and Ms S Shields

19th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you that we have had two positive cases of Covid-19 at Heathlands. Both are staff members, one from Upper school and one from Lower school.

In line with our risk assessment we are now moving to outbreak measures.

In summary this means:

- All students to use external doors to move around school.
- Any staff and students using corridors must wear a face covering.
- All upper school students to wear face covering in school transport.
- Upper school students will be tested in school three days a week. (Mon, Weds, Fri)
- Upper school students to self test at home two days a week. (Tues and Thurs)
- No assemblies.
- Visitors are limited.

We will continue to:

- Spray and wipe down surfaces in classrooms.
- Regular washing and sanitising of hands.
- Classrooms remain well ventilated.

You can view the full risk assessment on our website under the Coronavirus tab.

If any children are unwell with Covid symptoms (new or continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell, high temperature) do not send them into school, instead book a PCR test and wait for the result.

It is also important for all Upper school students to continue self-testing at home throughout the half term break. For Lower school children who do not self-test regularly, it is helpful if parents self-test to pick up any asymptomatic cases.

In line with new Government guidance, as a school we are no longer responsible for identifying close contacts. This will be carried out by NHS Test and Trace. If you are considered a close contact then you will be asked to arrange a PCR test for your child as soon as possible. Children can continue to attend school whilst you await their PCR test result providing they are not showing symptoms.



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If there are no further positive cases during half term, we will move out of outbreak measures when we return on 1st November.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Reeves Costi and Sarah Shields
Co-Headteachers