



Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you all to update you on our current situation regarding Covid-19. Since I wrote to you last week there have been further positive cases reported. Last week I spoke to Cheshire East and also reported the situation to Public Health England; we will continue to engage their support while the situation continues.

We currently have 12 positive cases in school (including 3 members of staff):

Year 1:	1 positive case
Year 2:	1 positive case
Year 5:	1 positive case
Year 6:	8 positive cases
Staff not included above:	1 positive case

We also have several children in isolation as members of the family have tested positive and several other pupils who are waiting for results of a PCR test.

Due to the increase in cases over the weekend it is with huge sadness that I have had to make the decision to cancel tomorrow's trip to the Civic Hall for Preschool, Reception and Key Stage 1. I really am sorry to have to do this but I have to act with the best of intentions for all of our pupils, staff and also the wider community. I know that the children will be disappointed; I am too.

In order to try and prevent transmission as much as possible I again ask for your help and support in:

- Ensuring that if your child shows any potential symptoms of Covid-19 (ie: cough, high temperature (over 37.8), loss of taste or smell) they do not attend school and that you arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. **Please note that if your child has any symptoms (however mild) an LFD test is not sufficient, it must be a PCR test.** Your child should not return to school until the result is known.
- If any member of your household tests positive for Covid-19 your child should not attend school for 5 full days from the day of the result. They should also carry out an LFD test before returning to school.
- If your child is unwell in any other way please contact the school to discuss this before you bring them in. For sickness or diarrhoea your child should stay away from school for 48 hours.
- If you need to come into school for any reason (eg: reception area) please wear a face covering.
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Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Simon Dyson