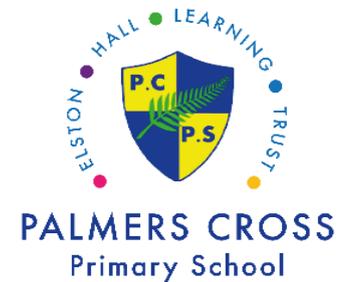


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Monday 6th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the start of the new school year. I hope that you had a wonderful summer break with your families. We are delighted to welcome children back into school and are pleased that we are able to return to a more normal version of school life. As you are aware, we no longer have to keep children in consistent bubbles and can therefore return to normal assemblies, lunchtimes and extra-curricular activities. We will of course be keeping a close eye on guidance and our Outbreak Management Plan is ready should we need to return to any form of restrictions as advised by the government or local authority. In school, additional cleaning, hand hygiene and ventilation of rooms will remain in place to limit the spread of the virus. Our risk assessment is available on our school website.

There have been changes to self-isolation rules. As ever, if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please call our school office who will be happy to advise you. The full advice can be found on the NHS website at [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) but below is a summary of what it means for our families.

Adults and children should self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate for 10 days if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive and **you are over 18 and not fully vaccinated**

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, children (under 18 years and 6 months) **and adults who are fully vaccinated** (this means that two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of a Covid-19 vaccine) **no longer need to self-isolate**. Instead, close contacts of a positive case should:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Yours sincerely,
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