

Dear parents and carers

Thank-you, to everyone, for helping make the new school year start so well. Transport in particular in and out of school has improved and enables the children to quickly to enter and exit school.

We are all now very familiar with the Covid symptoms and what to do when anyone begins with them. Can I ask that if you have any concerns you ring school and have a chat with us. Please do not put anything on social media about your personal situation as any post can be misinterpreted.

As a school we employ well over a 100 staff across Newman School. This means that some will have family members and colleagues who will have to self-isolate or who may have a positive test for Covid and may well not know this until the morning. The consequence for the school is that we might not have enough staff to maintain safe staffing levels across school. If this is the case I may have to close some classes at quite late notice. In these circumstances we would arrange for the community transport to come dependent on drivers/escorts, we could also arrange for our staff to drop off in the school minibuses, or we could ask you as parents and carers to pick up if you can. Can you let your child's teacher know about your own personal circumstances with regard such an emergency situation as soon as possible.

We are privileged to have regular access to a range of NHS support including our own Nurse. We can and will respond to situations with the best advice needed to keep staff and pupils safe and keep you informed about what is happening at school.

Take care. Keep safe.

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