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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wish to inform you there has been 2 confirmed case of COVID-19 at St Levan within the last 2 days. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child/children.

St Levan School continues to ensure confirmed cases of COVID-19 do not attend until the end of their self-isolation period. To help prevent avoidable spread, we encourage staff and families to continue with the twice weekly LFD testing, to inform us of any positive results and to follow-up any positive results with a confirmatory PCR test where necessary.

We are encouraging all parents to consider taking up the offer of protection with two doses plus a booster of the COVID-19 vaccine. You can book through the NHS portal: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

If you have any concerns about the vaccine then please find links to the NHS Kernow website which has some Frequently Asked Questions to help you. <https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/faqs/>

St Levan School remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, however mild, your child must self-isolate along with any other household member who does not meet the exemption criteria. Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Headaches

If the test is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free (without the support of paracetamol or Calpol) for at least 24 hours.

If the test is positive, your child must self-isolate. Unvaccinated members of your household over the age of 18 years must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date symptoms started. Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

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They can stop self-isolating at the start of day 6 if they get 2 negative rapid lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6 and do not have a temperature. Tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

Household members staying at home for 7 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- keep indoor spaces as well ventilated as possible – let the fresh air in, even if for a short period a day
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I understand that this information causes concerns to our school community. As a school, we are continuing to err on the side of caution on a daily basis to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can be under the circumstances. I really appreciate everything, as families, you are doing to support St Levan school and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Please take of yourselves,

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