



# Childeric Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Covid-19 Update

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school for the new academic year.

You will know that during recent weeks most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted across the country and the vaccination programme has been rolled out. In schools this means that 'bubbles', social distancing and face coverings are no longer a requirement. (Face coverings are still a requirement on London transport).

We will of course still be taking actions to keep children and adults safe in school- making sure that everyone washes or sanitises their hands regularly, enhanced cleaning and good ventilation, for example.

Anyone aged 18 or under will no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 but will need to get a PCR test. From the 19<sup>th</sup> July, the process of contact tracing COVID-19 cases in schools moved to NHS Test and Trace. This means we will not be informing you directly about cases in the school or if your child is a close contact. You will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace.

You must still self-isolate in any one of the following cases:

- you have tested positive for COVID-19 (even if you have been vaccinated)
- you have symptoms of COVID-19, while you wait for the results of a PCR test
- you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated (18 years or over).

Children and young people are at very low risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. The majority of school staff and teachers have already had the vaccination. By September, all staff and teachers will have been offered the COVID-19 vaccination and by October half term, all will have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated. The virus remains a risk to many people in Lewisham. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough or loss/change to smell or taste), you must keep them off school and let us know. It is important that they stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test. If the test is positive, they must stay at home for the full ten days. Even if they are feeling better, they will be at risk of spreading the virus to the more vulnerable in our community.

Please let us know if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Kind regards

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