

Social Mixing And Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will now know, we have had a case of Coronavirus in school. There have also been other positive cases in our school community since returning, in families of Reculver students – although this has not led to any bubble closure. The purpose of this letter is to remind you that the virus is still present in our community and can still be spread. Many of us, including the majority of the staff at Reculver are still not vaccinated so the risk of serious illness is still present to the staff and families at our school. Children have been mentioning to their teachers and adults that they have been going on play dates to others' houses and that is clearly against the law at the moment. The cases that we know of in our school community are not as a result of any unlawful behaviour, but with coronavirus still present, if other social mixing is happening, the virus could be spread.

We need to keep everyone safe, and also preserve the education of all the children by keeping our school open and case free so that all of our children and adults can come to school. Please therefore abide by the law and do not mix with any other households until you are allowed to do so. Please also abide by the rules on support bubbles, especially around the picking up and travelling in cars to and from school.

We also have a number of parents telephoning into school to say their children have possible symptoms (a cough or a slight temperature) and that they are taking them to the asymptomatic test centre for a lateral flow test or using home lateral flow testing kits. Whilst it is reassuring to know parents are taking extra precautions, this is not the correct procedure to follow. If your child has any of the possible symptoms of coronavirus, they should be tested using a PCR test, NOT a lateral flow test if any possible symptoms are present. Our nearest testing centre is Manston and here is the link to book a PCR test. [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

I know that most people are following the rules, but a significant minority could be putting the majority at risk, letting cases rise again and slowing down any possible end to lockdown rules that I am sure that we all desperate to come to the end of, to restore normality to our lives.

Yours Sincerely



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