



# Menston Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you again today, as we continue to have a number of children being reported to us as testing positive for Covid-19 each day.

We continue to seek advice from our Public Health partners at Bradford Council and the advice at this point is for parents and staff to continue to be vigilant for symptoms, for parents to keep children with symptoms at home and to book PCR tests straight away.

I would like to thank everyone in our school community for so far following this advice. Whilst our numbers of children testing positive are higher now than in the summer term, it is reassuring to know that our community is working together to limit the spread of the virus. It is also reassuring to know that, for most children, Covid-19 is a mild illness.

Although advice from the Department for Education is that primary school aged children do not need to have regular lateral flow tests, we think it would be sensible to advise parents to carry out regular testing so that chains of asymptomatic transmission can be broken. If a child tests positive on a lateral flow test, please keep them at home and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Please report all positive lateral-flow and PCR test results by telephoning our school office on the number at the top of this letter.

As you will be aware, unvaccinated children and fully vaccinated adults are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household. Under current government guidance, there is no need for any child under 18 to isolate unless they themselves test positive. Anyone testing positive should follow the government's self-isolation guidance.

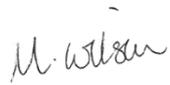
We will continue to monitor cases and take advice from our Public Health partners in Bradford and I will let you know if we are advised to put any extra measures into place.

You can be reassured that we are carrying out the four key control measures that all schools have been instructed by the DfE to keep in place:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to call us here at school if you need any more information or guidance. I have put a few useful links at the bottom of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs M Wilson

Headteacher

Useful links:

[Coronavirus symptoms in children](#)

[Find where to get Lateral Flow Tests](#)

[Book a free PCR test](#)

[Self-isolation guidance](#)