

4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With a higher incidence of Covid circulating at the moment we have been checking our Covid protocols. The current guidance currently says:

*Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:*

- *they are fully vaccinated*
- *they are below the age of 18 years 6 months*
- *they have taken part in, or are currently part of, an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

However, because we are a special school, with vulnerable students we would encourage all students who have been in contact with someone who has Covid 19 to take a PCR test and remain at home until they have confirmation of a negative result. PCR test results normally come back within 24 hours and we are able to provide home learning for any students not in school for these reasons. This will help us reduce the spread of corona virus.

If a student has any of Covid symptoms you must remain at home and take a PCR test. You may only return to school if you receive a negative result.



Kind regards,  
Paul Walsh