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## **COVID Cases Update**

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Dear parents,

As you know, following Local Authority advice we are staying in key stage bubbles and maintaining many of our covid-secure measures until at least the end of November when we will review how things are going and seek further advice.

Although things seem much calmer than during the outbreak before half term, we do still have 3 confirmed cases amongst children and staff and a further 5 awaiting test results. According to the UK Health Security Agency, Tewkesbury has had the highest levels of COVID-19 in the region for the last two weeks.

We are writing to ask for your continued vigilance around symptoms and testing.

We would encourage continued twice-weekly asymptomatic testing for all children and adults with rapid LFDs. We have lots of these in school. If you would like a box, please let us know. If anyone in the household has confirmed COVID-19, we would encourage **daily** lateral flow testing for children attending school.

### **90-day rule**

After a PCR confirmed case of COVID-19, the person should not take part in routine testing for 90 days. **However, if they develop new symptoms, even within 90 days, they must get a new PCR and isolate if the result is positive.** In discussion with the Health Protection Team yesterday, it became clear that getting COVID-19 for a second, or even third time is becoming increasingly common within the county.

Fingers crossed things continue to stay relatively calm in the run up to Christmas. Hopefully with everyone continuing to do their little bit, we can keep everyone safe and remain fully open to all pupils.

Many thanks,

Richard Gibson, Nicky Kelsey, Sam Rickaby.

