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OF ENGLAND

4th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to first thank you for the support you have given in ensuring your child has returned to school ready to learn; I am delighted to see how hard our pupils have been working and the progress they have made as a result of their efforts.

Unfortunately, covid is again having an impact, particularly in our local area, and so the Local Authority and Public Health are asking that we follow the advice in the attached letter. Our pupils already engage with regular hand washing or sanitisation, and extra cleaning, one-way systems, increased ventilation, and limitations on the size of gatherings have been in place since September. The additional precaution which is being advised is the wearing of face coverings in communal areas by staff and pupils. We also ask that parents and carers and other visitors to the school wear a face mask, unless they are exempt.

Please also encourage your child to continue to take the twice weekly LFD test and report the results to school and the DfE; this has proven very effective in identifying covid cases early and asymptomatic covid cases. LFD test kits will be issued at regular intervals, however, if you require LFD test kits, please contact the school.

It is hoped that these measures will curb the rising number of cases and no further measures will be needed. However, I will keep you updated if the situation changes.

Additionally, you will see attached a letter from the CEO of NEAT, Mrs Debi Bailey, explaining a change to our calendar which means the children will be in attendance at school on Friday 26th November 2021.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Yours faithfully,

Tracey Gibson
Headteacher



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that I have today made the decision to **postpone the trust training day** that we had planned for **Friday, 26th November**. **All NEAT schools will now be open to all children on that day.**

I am so disappointed that the day has been postponed and I sure that this will cause disruption to some of our families. Please know that I have not taken this decision lightly and I am very sorry for any disruption this may cause.

Schools have a limited number of training days that can be taken every year and we use one as a whole trust, to come together and work on a trust priority. With advice around managing covid changing regularly at the moment, I cannot guarantee that the day will go ahead as planned and we cannot waste the opportunity to bring all of our school together for such valuable training which will help us continue on our journey of school improvement.

We will share the new date with you as soon as we are in a position to do so (and certainly within the next week) but it will be later in the academic year as we have a set number of training days that **MUST** be taken within an academic year. Again, I appreciate that this will cause issues for some of our families but hopefully, you will have sufficient notice to make alternative arrangements.

In the meantime, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Together we are the difference and I look forward to continuing the journey with you.

Take care

Mrs Debi Bailey

CEO
NEAT Academy Trust.



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3rd November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID-19 measures in schools

COVID-19 cases in Hartlepool are high and we are seeing an increase in the number of cases in school-age children. It is really important that we do everything we can to keep our children in school and minimise any disruption.

We know that the vaccination programme is working in preventing serious disease and deaths, however, the vaccine does not stop people from catching or passing on the virus. Older people and those with underlying health problems are more likely to become ill and our hospitals are seeing a rise in the number of people admitted with COVID-19.

In light of this, we are recommending some additional actions are taken to keep our children and community safe. As well as continuing with the current measures, we are also advising that:

In secondary schools:

- All adults and pupils wear a face covering in all communal areas unless exempt;
- Staff and pupils should test themselves for COVID-19 twice a week, and more frequently if they asked to do so.

In primary schools:

- All adults wear a face covering in all communal areas unless exempt;
- Staff to test themselves for COVID-19 twice a week, and more frequently if they are asked to do so.

All schools:

- To consider limiting or pausing whole school events such as assemblies;
- Regular testing of secondary school pupils and staff in all schools;
- Keeping windows open in classrooms as much as possible;
- Encouraging regular hand washing;
- Asking close contacts of positive cases to take a PCR test.

We will review these recommendations regularly and talk to schools to see if they are working.

The vaccination offer for 12-15 year olds is also happening in Hartlepool. We would encourage you to complete consent forms sent to you by your child's school if you are asked. Young people aged 12-15-year old can also book a vaccination online (www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or via 119.

On top of the actions schools are taking, there are things you can do to continue to support your child's school such as:

1. Encouraging your child to take lateral flow tests twice a week if they are in secondary school;
2. Support your child to wear a face covering if they are in secondary school, both in school and in enclosed indoor spaces in public;
3. Consider the benefits of the vaccination programme for your child if they are between the ages of 12-15.
4. If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19 book a free NHS test as soon as possible (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). You can also phone 119. Most importantly stay at home until it is time to take your test.

We would like to thank you for everything you've done to keep your family and community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support schools during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,



CRAIG BLUNDRED
Director of Public Health



SALLY ROBINSON
Director of Children's and Joint
Commissioning Services