

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will no doubt be aware that there have been recent confirmed cases of Covid-19 within other local primary and secondary schools. I am contacting all parents with some important reminders about the support we need from our families to reduce the risk of transmission and minimise possible disruption to the education of our students:

1. If anyone in your household has symptoms which could indicate Covid 19 infection the **whole household** must isolate and children must not attend school. Please arrange for the child or adult to take a test as soon as possible by contacting NHS Test and Trace. Please let us know that your child needs to self- isolate and use our online learning provision to support their education while they cannot attend school. Only when you get a negative test confirmation, or the 14 day isolation period is complete (in the case of a positive test) can your child return to school. The 3 key symptoms of possible infection are: a high temperature, a new persistent cough, a loss or change to smell or taste.
2. Every child in school must have a face mask to wear in our corridors and communal areas. Only students with a genuine exemption can attend school without a mask. Please ensure your child has a face covering every day as a simple way to reduce potential transmission. Please email me on head@hayleacademy.net with the relevant information and evidence if you need to request authorisation of an exemption for your child. While we have a small stock of disposable masks available for students to purchase at the cost price of 20p, where students do not bring a mask to school and are not able to purchase a school mask or no masks are available, it may be necessary to isolate that student from public areas of the school until a mask is brought in.
3. In the event that anyone in your household tests positive for Covid 19 it is essential that the school is informed. During the school day, please phone Reception (01736 753009). In the evenings or at weekends please email head@hayleacademy.net, melissa.lock@hayleacademy.net or kathy.halsey@hayleacademy.net. It is essential that the school is informed of any positive cases as a priority so that we can use the advice and expertise of Public Health to take appropriate action.

So far our school community has been very fortunate to avoid the levels of disruption to education being experienced by children in other schools. With your help we may be able to keep it this way. We know these are worrying times for our families and community and, as always, our staff team are here to provide help and advice if you need it. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I would like to thank all our parents for their continued support.

Yours faithfully

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