



## Shelton Junior School

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### COVID Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all you have done to support the school through the recent outbreak of COVID. We now only have 5 cases confirmed by PCR who are currently isolating. These children are from across the school in the following classes: Chatsworth, Tissington, Matlock and Cromford. We are continuing to monitor the situation closely but these cases seem to be isolated and so we are operating with the usual extra COVID measures in school at the moment.

As always, if your child shows any of the symptoms of COVID then please book a PCR test straight away and keep children at home until you have received a result. I also encourage you to assist children in taking LFT tests twice a week as this may help to identify any further cases where children do not have symptoms.

Although the NHS Track and Trace are now responsible for all tracking and tracing of contacts, we are aware that some parents are concerned that they won't be informed if their child has been in close contact with a positive case. Current advice is that children/parents should inform NHS Track and Trace of all close contacts and then the NHS will contact individuals if necessary will advise on whether isolation or daily LFTs are required.

We do want to keep you fully informed, and will therefore let you know of any further cases in your child's class. You can then decide if you wish to take any extra precautions such as additional LFT testing. Please note that we will still expect all children to attend school as normal unless advised otherwise by NHS track and trace.

I have had a letter today from Derby Director of Public Health, Dr Robyn Dewis, confirming that cases among school aged children are continuing to rise in Derby and we should all continue with current measures to minimise the spread as much as we can. Pauline Anderson, the Derby Director of Learning, has also contacted me today and confirmed that a few schools are moving to remote learning next week in response to emergency local outbreaks. She explained that the clear expectation is that most schools will remain open until the end of term unless cases rise significantly. We will continue to monitor our situation carefully and I'll let you know if anything changes.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Bacon  
Headteacher

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***Together, we learn, trust and succeed.***

***Learn*** ... reach your full potential - *curiosity, concentration*  
***Trust*** ... caring staff support every child in school - *collaboration*  
***Succeed*** ... overcome barriers - *resilience, reflectiveness*