

Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide a further update on the current circumstances in school. Again, I am grateful for the patience and good sense of our parent body at this time. We have had significant numbers of children off school who have self-isolated as a result of others in their household experiencing symptoms, or because they themselves have had a test and are awaiting the results. This number has in fact declined as the week has progressed. Our first group of pupils that we asked to self-isolate have now been able to return to school.

At the time of writing we are still only aware of three positive tests relating to the school community which parents have been made aware of. I would stress again that this is a time of year when other common respiratory infections circulate.

Please can I ask parents to continue to err on the side of caution. I did this myself this week in taking both of my own children to take tests on Tuesday. We were fortunate that our negative results came back very quickly, and I know that this has not been everyone's experience, but please do continue to seek a test for your children if they exhibit any of the relevant symptoms.

I will not repeat details about these symptoms here, but yesterday I did receive a letter regarding this from the DfE which we have been asked to pass on to parents, and can be found [here](#). Parents will see that this mirrors very closely the advice that I gave in last week's update.

I am aware that at times parents are faced with difficult decisions and what can feel like a lack of clarity in the national guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact us through admin@ohgs.co.uk if you have questions. We are in almost daily contact with the Public Health team in Oldham, who have been excellent to date, and if we cannot answer the query right away we will seek their advice.

We will continue to adapt to the current restrictions; for instance whole school assemblies continue to be online. Here is the link to Monday's senior school assembly if any parents would like to watch; but please don't feel obliged to!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16klC8vbsGO16ITWkbiecIIEcGWZPgCH/view?usp=sharing>

I mentioned in my last update about our autumn open events. Details are now available on the website the link to which is here <https://www.ohgs.co.uk/> where there is a message from me and a virtual tour, as well as an opportunity to book a personalised tour. Again, please do direct friends and family to this; we will be publicising this through our social media channels.

Yours sincerely,

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