



23rd March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It is very encouraging news that with the success of the vaccine rollout, the average number of new cases of coronavirus in the UK has fallen substantially in recent weeks. When I wrote to you on 14th January, the daily death rate was 1,564 deaths and yesterday the rate was 17 deaths.

We are continuing to follow guidance to reduce the spread of infection.

As parents and carers it is very important that you keep your child at home if they display any of the symptoms of coronavirus

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please take them for a test and they can return to school if they test negative.

Please get your vaccine as soon as you are offered a vaccination. As well as greatly reducing the risk of severe illness, the vaccine also reduces the spread of the virus.

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health in Birmingham said

"If you have an invitation, please take it up. The sooner you get that first jab the sooner you start to get protection and that will help keep you out of hospital and help stop you dying if you catch coronavirus."

We will continue to review our risk assessment and keep you updated through emails and the school website.

We hope you all stay safe and well.

With very best wishes,

Beth O'Neill