



# Cranborne Middle School



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## **Covid update and advice to all parents / carers.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since our return from half term, we have seen Dorset continue to have case rates remain significantly above the England average, and are now above the South West average. Case rates are slowly declining, but this decline is slower than many other regions.

Therefore, we wanted to remind everyone about the importance of a few extra steps we must continue to do to look to keep the school as safe as it can be for the entire Cranborne community.

At the time of writing, we have 28 confirmed pupil cases, and a further 7 confirmed cases within our staff. Following a brief spike after half term, our numbers continued to fluctuate. However, this is another steep increase and as a result, we have had to change the way we will be delivering our curriculum within the school for this week. Children will remain tutor based for their days with all subject areas being delivered, however they will not be at the usual time of the week. We will be having a daily PE lesson and therefore ask that children bring their PE kit to school each day. We have also had to cancel a number of our extra-curricular clubs this week as a result. Separate parentmails have been sent to those who would normally attend the clubs affected.

We have reminded students that the pandemic has not finished and we still have to do our part to keep everyone safe and well within the school community.

Therefore, please can I remind all bus users that they are still expected to wear a mask for the whole of their journey. Ventilation on the buses is not as great as within the school and so mask wearing will provide an extra level of protection. We are also re-emphasising the importance of continued Lateral Flow Testing at least twice a week. Please could we ask that tests are carried out Sunday PM / Monday AM and also Tuesday PM / Wednesday AM. Test kits will continue to be provided by the school, however if you run out and require another pack sooner, do please ask the school.

We continue to encourage good cleanliness and hygiene within the school, have good ventilation throughout the school, CO<sub>2</sub> metres are in classrooms, as are additional cleaning materials and sanitizer.

We will continue to monitor the local picture and are in dialogue with Public Health Dorset and Dorset Council and will put further measures in place accordingly to ensure the school continues to run effectively, but most importantly in a safe manner.

Yours Sincerely,

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