



Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School

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COVID-19 – Delta Variant Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the course of the past week, schools have been advised of the dramatic increase of the Delta Covid-19 variant. We have entered into a significant phase of the pandemic. Public Health England advised that there has been a 379% increase in cases within Cheshire West and Chester over the past two weeks. With a large increase of infections in 10 to 19 year olds.

7 day incidence rate per 100,000 by 10 year age band heat map

Age	21 May 2021	22 May 2021	23 May 2021	24 May 2021	25 May 2021	26 May 2021	27 May 2021	28 May 2021	29 May 2021	30 May 2021	31 May 2021	01 June 2021	02 June 2021	03 June 2021
80+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	5
70-79	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	12	15	15	15
60-69	7	7	7	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	5	17	22	24
50-59	4	4	4	4	8	8	8	8	6	10	18	20	28	45
40-49	7	9	12	19	23	23	21	26	28	33	26	28	47	51
30-39	3	3	3	5	5	5	10	15	18	23	28	41	66	81
20-29	5	5	3	8	10	21	28	49	69	77	92	128	169	203
10-19	11	11	8	11	19	48	86	105	143	164	194	229	274	299
0-9	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	5	5	16	16	23

We are being advised to be very careful with relaxing processes that have been in place since the beginning of January. The advice being offered is that we should refer back to our early guidance and risk assessment.

People who have received their second vaccination are at lower risk of becoming ill from this new variant. Therefore it is very important that we pause the relaxing of COVID-19 guidance in schools, so as to allow a further proportion of the population to receive their second vaccine and also the younger groups to receive their first vaccine. Not all staff in our school have received both of their vaccinations and a proportion still haven't been called for their first, probably just like within our community.

I spoke with governors and staff late last week, advising on this new information. We have revisited and tightened our guidance: social distancing inside school, ensuring children only socialise within bubbles, face mask wearing within collaborative spaces. I would ask that **you** also continue to follow school's guidance, reducing the risk of spreading COVID19. This will include face mask wearing when dropping off and collecting, abiding by your designated drop off location and calling ahead to book meetings or when dropping



items off at the office. I would also ask that, if you or a family member have any of the COVID19 symptoms, you receive a PCR test as soon as possible, isolating until a negative result is returned.

Sadly, unless advised to the contrary, this will also mean that we will not be having parents attend sports' day and our end of year celebrations. It is most definitely not the way that I had wished that we conclude our school year.

We have moved forward so far since the beginning of this pandemic, we must continue to do everything within our power to support the guidance so that as many people receive the vaccinations, making them less at risk of significant illness.

Yours truly,

Mr P Van Geffen
Headteacher