



# Mowbray School

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Dear Parent and Carer

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Again, this week school is being badly affected by Covid infections. **We have a high number of staff and pupils who are absent with illness, 13 staff and pupils from across school have Covid.** Last week we had staff who were so ill with Covid that they needed hospital treatment.

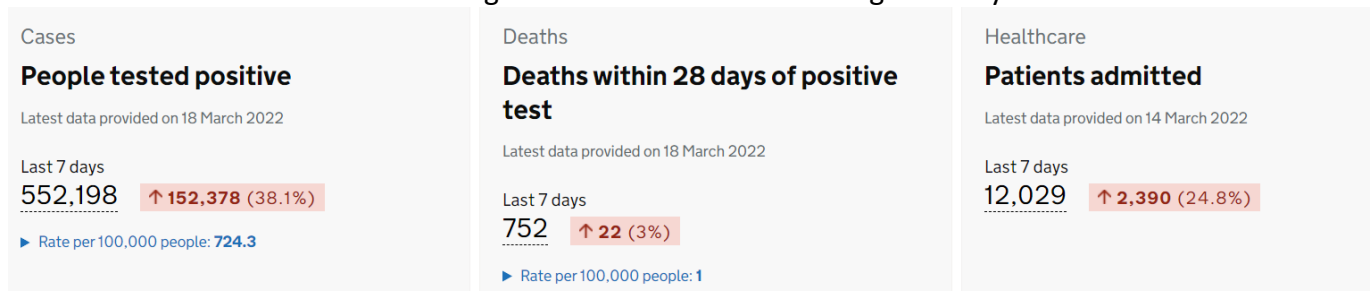
**It is so important that pupils are tested at home twice a week**, we have for over a year recommended this is done on a Monday and Thursday before school. Unfortunately, today pupils have been sent into school with Covid symptom's who subsequently have tested positive, this of course means that this highly infectious virus will have been exposed to others.

It is important that we all continue to be vigilant in regard to Covid, I would advise if your child is displaying the following symptoms, that you test them for Covid and keep them off school;

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

As you know last week we had to close several classes, we want to avoid this and need your help to do this.

These are the latest national Covid figures which have increased significantly from last week.



If you need Covid test kits, ask your child's class teacher to send some home, if you can't test your child at home, let us know and if need be we will test in school. Thank you to everyone for supporting school to keep children and staff safe from illness, please continue to be vigilant and test your child twice a week.

Yours sincerely,  
Jonathan Tearle, Executive Headteacher