



# Hathern C of E Primary School

## Weekly Update

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## Keeping the Hathern Family safe

Since the start of the term our attendance has been brilliant—averaging above 96% - with absences being due to the usual colds and sickness associated with younger children. Unfortunately, however, over the Easter break we experienced our first positive Covid cases involving our children. In response, 35 children and 4 members of staff had to isolate—thankfully there were no further cases. With lockdown restrictions slowly being lifted, it is likely there will be more interactions between people, and without adhering to the staysafe message—there is a risk of further outbreaks in the community.

In school at all times, pupils, staff and parents' safety has never been compromised, but we are always looking at ways to ensure systems run as efficiently as possible. In school, we are adopting a strategy which focuses on good social and personal hygiene with the children—reminding them to wash their hands regularly, avoid touching their faces/mouths and cover their mouths/noses if coughing/sneezing with a tissue. The children continue to respond well to this approach. Their brilliant behaviours ensured that very few KS2 children had to isolate when individual cases were discovered in their classes.

It is reported that the Covid risk to children is small but we know this is not the case for adults. With this in mind please continue to maintain social distancing as you drop off and collect your child at the gates. Wear a mask. Do not congregate around the school gates and be mindful of where pavements narrow—especially along Pasture Lane and outside Cross Street. We want to work together to keep all our **Hathern Family** as safe as possible.

And of course, **should your child or anyone in your household show any symptoms of Coronavirus, then please do not come into school.** Tests can be arranged easily now with results coming back in around 24-36 hours. Additionally, everyone in England will be able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing from 9 April, the government has announced. All staff at school have been taking these tests twice a week—these provide us with confidence and have helped us keep infection rates at a minimum.

Many thanks for your continued understanding and ongoing support. See you back at school on Monday for the start of the Summer Term.

Steve Dunn, Headteacher

