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Letter to:

Glossopdale Area – Parents Letter

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Our ref: DW/DH
Your ref:
Date: 24th May 2021

Dear parent/carer/guardian

Thanks for everything you're doing to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community from Covid-19.

Cases are rising in the Glossopdale area and we've seen confirmed cases of the Indian variant, which can spread more easily.

While there's no evidence that this strain causes a more serious illness or makes the current vaccines less effective, it does mean we cannot afford to let our guard down.

So please remember:

- Hands – wash hands more regularly
- Face – wear a face covering unless exempt
- Space – keep apart from people not in your household or bubble
- Fresh air – keep rooms well ventilated if meeting up to 6 people indoors

If you or anyone in your household has any of the three main symptoms – a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or loss or change to sense of taste or smell – **you must self-isolate immediately** and book a test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or ring NHS 119.

Self-isolation means you must stay at home and shouldn't mix with anyone. Please do not send your child to school while you wait for your test results and if your child or anyone in your household tests positive it is important you tell school straight away.

Get tested

It's also really important that everyone gets tested regularly as 1 in 3 people have the virus without any symptoms and could be spreading it.

Extra testing sites have been set up in the area for people with or without symptoms. To find out how to get a free, quick test visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/gamesleyarea

Supporting school

Staff at your school have worked incredibly hard to keep your children safe during the pandemic and it's important that you do your bit to support them.

At pick-up and drop-off times please:

- Use your judgement and avoid physical and close contact where you can
- Stay 2 metres apart whenever possible
- Avoid standing in groups

I realise that as restrictions are eased it's hard to keep going but with cases of the Indian variant on the rise across the country it's really important that we do everything we can to stop the spread.

Thanks for helping to keep everyone in Glossopdale safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Wallace', written in a cursive style.

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