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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to you to remind you that children are required to be in school up until the summer holidays. Some parents are concerned about sending their children into school due to COVID-19 cases in Leicestershire. We want to reassure you that school is a safe place for your child. Schools have robust systems in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. Schools with COVID-19 cases are supported by Leicestershire County Council and Public Health England to strengthen these systems where needed.

Most COVID-19 infections are being spread at parties and gatherings in the community rather than at school. The most effective way to protect your family and community is to exercise caution when organising social events by gathering outside and sticking to the rule of 6 indoors.

Please make sure that your child continues to attend school. Absences that are not due to COVID-19 symptoms, positive test results or close contact with a case, are treated as unauthorised absences. This means your child will not be entitled to remote learning and will miss vital parts of their education.

If anyone within your household has symptoms, you must follow the national guidance and get tested. You can book a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Everyone within the household must remain at home until the test result has been received. If the result is positive you must continue to self-isolate for ten days after the symptoms began. Self-isolation means staying at home; if you are asked to self-isolate you must not go to school, work or public places, you should take any exercise in your home or private garden.

You are also encouraged to test regularly with rapid lateral flow tests. Lateral flow tests are for people aged 11 and over who do not have symptoms Covid-19 and are not self-isolating. You can find out more and order test kits from www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

If you're getting together with friends and family, take care and be sensible to avoid spreading the virus and crucially, take the opportunity to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are being offered to people who are eligible for the vaccine in line with national guidelines. It is important that you receive not just one, but both doses when offered. To find out more and book your vaccine visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine>.

Thank you for all your hard work in sticking to COVID-19 regulations over the past year. We hope you have a happy summer break.

Kind regards,

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