

Covid Update – Supporting Care Homes

We have asked Norfolk County Council how they are supporting Care Homes during the current Covid crisis.

They have provided the following information:

- There is a regular system of testing for care homes – testing both staff and residents.
- With this regular testing they are picking up cases in care homes across the county.
- They have a system in place working with the local NHS and have set up a multi-agency team, including the NHS infection control nurses, to work with the care home to manage and respond to the cases. This will make sure that all the control measures that can be taken are undertaken to stop any spread and prevent future cases.
- As part of this response all staff are tested. Where staff members are identified as confirmed cases they are informed to isolate and are not permitted back to work until their isolation period has elapsed and they are symptom free, and are therefore safe to do so. Staff that are still working will have tested negative.
- There is no direct action for Parish Councils to take to support care homes aside from their crucial role in the community in encouraging all of their residents to uphold the core Covid measures; **Hands, Face, Space**.