



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I want to thank you all for your continued support during these difficult times. The Coronavirus has certainly caused some disruption to most of our lives and while we are working hard to overcome any of the challenges it brings, we all appreciate the support we have received from our families and the community.

For those families that have children or household members displaying symptoms of covid-19, we are aware of the current difficulties booking a test and the frustrations that this is causing for those households having to isolate. Please do persist in getting tested as unfortunately, we will not be able to welcome the children (including siblings) back until the end of the isolation period, if they were displaying symptoms and did not get a test.

We do know that many people have now experienced the testing process and we are pleased to say that so far, the results are coming back as negative.

We would like to outline in advance, the plan for what will happen in the event of a positive test result from a member of our school community.

If a child or a member of staff tests positive it is essential that school is informed immediately. The School will then contact Public Health England to seek advice. The child or staff member who tests positive will need to isolate for 10 days and their family members who they live with, will need to isolate for 14 days.

It is likely that the bubble in which the child or staff member has been working in will be closed and everyone within that bubble will be asked to isolate for 14 days. Any child or staff member within the bubble must isolate as they have been in contact with a positive case.

People who live with a child or staff member who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive but that person is not displaying symptoms themselves, do not need to isolate.

Once we have received notice that the bubble will need to isolate, a Parent Mail will be sent to all families within that bubble informing you of this decision. We will ask that you make your way as swiftly as possible to collect your child from school.

We ask that you follow the usual end of day procedure, at whatever time of day it is, ensuring social distance between yourselves and we will ensure the rest of the school are kept inside during this time.

Following on from the initial text message to request that you collect your child, a further letter will be sent to you also confirming that a case has been identified as positive. The letter will inform you of what you can expect from remote learning during the period of isolation and it will also include a link to a Zoom meeting. This Zoom meeting will allow parents and carers to take part in a briefing from the Head Teacher followed by a question and answer session to be held, this will take place the following day after the initial closure.

In order for us to prepare fully for remote learning, we have sent out a survey to help us understand the current capacity for this type of provision across our families. Please support us by completing this survey.

If any further child or staff member develops symptoms, it is essential that school is notified and a test is carried out.

Our expectation is that every family that is isolating will receive one phone call each week from their class teacher or teaching assistant linked to the class, this is so we keep connected and ensure help is provided if needed.

You will be able to expect full communication from the Senior Leadership Team during these two weeks.

We are all hoping that we will not have to follow these procedures, however, I hope you find this preparation useful.

Please continue to support us in keeping the community as safe as possible by informing of us any absence and the reasons for absence. It is essential that any child and their siblings DO NOT come into school if they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms and the guidance that we have sent out to you is strictly followed.

Best Wishes,

Linda Kelly
Headteacher