

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule

26th March 2021



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

I am writing to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. As with each confirmed case we have carried out a full risk assessment and consulted with Public Health Tameside. As with all cases, students and their parents/carers are individually informed if they have been in close contact with the affected case. These students are then instructed to self-isolate at home for 10 days from the date of their last contact. If you are **not directly contacted** by the school, it means your child has **not** been identified as a close contact. In this case, they should continue with their usual routines, which includes attendance at school.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms and when the result is made known to you please follow the further advice you are given. To arrange a test please call 119 or via the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with becoming ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- allow ventilation in the house by opening the windows
- maintain an appropriate social distance of 2 metres or more with non-household members

Further information is available at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

Whilst I understand that you may have concerns regarding the above case, I would like to assure you that our school will continue with control measures including:

- wearing of face coverings
- opening of windows and doors to improve ventilation
- implementing seating plans for every lesson in every classroom
- providing hand sanitiser stations in every classroom
- providing enhanced cleaning and hygiene arrangements throughout the day

We are taking every effort to ensure our students remain as safe as they can be whilst in our building, however the effectiveness of these measures does rely upon the compliance of all stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the letter sent out yesterday from Dr Jeanelle du Gruchy (Director of Population Health Tameside) which is available by visiting our website or via this [link](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rule".

Greg Rule  
(Headteacher)