



21st October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school as a pupil has tested positive within the Year 4 class bubble.

Leaders have swiftly followed the advice given by Public Health England and will continue to follow the strict protocols in place in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19. We have carried out a full risk assessment and with PHE guidance identified that due to the family's positive engagement in following the Government guidance, the school does not need to take any further action, as no staff or children have been identified as a close contact with the confirmed case.

Therefore your child has **not** been identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance.

School attendance has been highly encouraging with pupils excited to return to school. The children have readily adapted to the new school routine and precautionary measures that are in place to prevent the transmission of the coronavirus. It is important that children continue to attend school so that they can carry on with becoming familiar with these routines that allow them to learn, meet and play with their friends in a safe and controlled environment.

Please do not be alarmed. There is no evidence of transmission of the virus within school, however this case reinforces the need for all of us to remain vigilant and adhere to PHE guidance in all aspects of our lives. Stringent risk assessments in line with all Government guidance are in place across the school to make it safe for pupils to continue attending. Staff fully understand and are following all protocols designed to keep children safe.

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, you 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. When the result is known further advice will be available.

If you have any further questions please contact myself at the school or Jill Benson, Trust Head of Attendance and Welfare on 01642 529200.

There are emergency out of hour contact numbers for the school and the Trust that can be found on the school website.

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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting 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

If your child is required to self isolate, you should follow the school instructions to access virtual and home based learning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope and pray for the continued good health of all our families. Despite this news, I am extremely grateful that due to this family's positive engagement with Government guidance, the outcome for the school has been minimised. Please pray for a speedy recovery of all those who are unwell at this time.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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