



20th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that a staff member in school has tested positive for Covid-19. We have taken advice from Public Health England, with the support of the Enquire Learning Trust and there are no requirements to close any bubbles within school. We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case and have recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days after their last contact.

This **does not** affect the the pupils within school as they do not identify as close contacts. I am sure you can appreciate that we have to follow clear procedures in light of a positive case. As a school, we will continue to follow all government guidance to ensure the safety of both children and staff.

Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that during this current situation, you are being asked to monitor your own health and that of your child, looking out for any symptoms such as a cough or fever. I would like to thank you all for the sensible and safe approach you are taking to school attendance at the moment in order to ensure the school community continues to be able to operate.

To remind you, you should look for any of the following symptoms:

- new continuous cough
- fever (a temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you develop these symptoms, however mild, at any point, you must, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms have started and members of your household must isolate for 14 days. You should only get a test if you develop symptoms. For more information, please refer to the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

At the point anyone develops symptoms in your household and begin to isolate, please ensure you inform school so that we can support you and for attendance registers information. Please also continue to adhere to the local and national measures that have been put in place for yours and our safety and that of the vulnerable in our community.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kathryn Thornburn, Principal