



23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that a pupil 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 taken the decision to close the Year 3 bubble. 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 10 days after their last contact.

Year 3 is therefore now closed. Separate letters with all the information needed have been sent to Year 3 and any other children or staff affected.

This **does not** affect the rest of the pupils within school as they do not identify as close contacts. If you have not been contacted, you should continue as normal. The measures that we have put in place to socially distance each bubble have been implemented precisely for this type of circumstance, to minimise disruption to education for as many pupils as we can at all times. We will continue to follow all government guidance to ensure the safety of both children and staff at all times and thank you once again for your cooperation and understanding during such difficult times.

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.

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, all members of your household must stay at home for 10 days from when the symptoms started. You should book a PCR test to test for the virus.

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 National lockdown measures that have been put in place to bring down the rapid transmission rates that the new variant of this virus is causing. Follow all of the rules 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