

## Morton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are as safe and well as they can be at this difficult time.

I am writing to inform you of what has been happening in school and about the wider opening to other year groups.

### **Confirmed case of Covid 19 in school**

Unfortunately I have to report to you that one of our TA's in school, along with her husband, has tested positive for coronavirus. We wish her and her family a speedy recovery and hope they remain as well as they can be at this very difficult time.

All families whose children have been in school and had contact with the TA have been informed.

As a result of the test coming back as positive I have no option but to keep the school closed after the half term break due to people who had contact with her having to self-isolate. We intend to open school again on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** for our key worker and vulnerable children.

After several consultations with Public Health England and following Gov.uk guideline (see below) we made the decision to close for a further two days to give us the 14 days quarantine needed.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings**

#### **What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?**

*When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.*

*Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.*

*Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.*

*As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group.*

School has remained open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children who required a place. Throughout this time teachers have been putting work on class Do Jo and directing you to the school

website to support your home learning and I thank you for all the hard work many of you have been doing with your children. Staff will continue to support home learning as much as possible until your children are back in school.

We intended to open school to reception, year one and year 6 as well as the key worker and vulnerable children on 1st June, but as stated in my previous letter this was not possible due to further risk assessments being required. We are working on these and will have further information on the wider opening of school as soon as this is possible.

As stated school will remain open for our key worker children and vulnerable children only from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and many of you who require a place from this date that have already been in contact with me.

I fully appreciate that this may cause some of you, who had expected school to accommodate your children, further problems at this difficult time but every decision taken is with the safety of your children and the staff at school our number one priority.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Flint', written in a cursive style.

KEVIN FLINT  
Headteacher