

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 6 Parents: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

This morning we received confirmation from a parent that their child, a pupil from Year 6, has tested positive for Covid-19.

For this reason, following Government advice:

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> -Section 9) all Year 6 pupils have been sent home to self-isolate. The pupil was last in school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September (last contact). This means that the return date for all Year 6 pupils is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Siblings and Household members of pupils who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the pupil who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a group (bubble) that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their school immediately, and should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Whilst your child is self-isolating at home, work will be provided by the class teacher. Please check your emails and the Home Learning section of the school website, where your pupil's teacher will be posting learning activities.

Today's decision was not taken lightly; your child's health and well-being remain our highest priority. Public Health England have been informed about this positive case, we await further advice but it seems they (PHE) have been inundated with similar reports today.

We are genuinely disappointed to have had to make this decision today, however the guidance is clear. When or if further information becomes available school will inform parents as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Elliott', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher