11th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to officially inform you that we have a positive case of **COVID-19** that may have an impact on your child's class – **Year 6.**

As you know from my previous letters, the latest guidance states that:

From 16 August, the Government has said that people aged under 18 years and 6 months or who are fully vaccinated will **no longer be legally required to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.**

As a school, we consider the whole class to be **'close contacts'** as staff and children socialise with each other throughout the day. Local Public Health guidance strongly advises you to take your child for a PCR test so we can all help break the train of transmission (but not a legal requirement); this can be arranged after school. Children do not need to self-isolate until they receive their PCR test, unless they have symptoms, in which case, they should not be in school.

Please can I ask you to inform school, by email, whether you have chosen to take your child or not for the test and the result of the test.

ACCESSING COVID-19 TESTING IN BLACKPOOL

Symptomatic testing and testing for close contacts

PCR tests can be booked at any of the DHSC run sites that operate Monday – Sunday 8am – 8pm on the gov.uk website https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Testing Sites
South Shore Car Park – Yeadon Way
PCR tests for home delivery can also be ordered by calling 119.

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Please be vigilant of any symptoms that your child may have and inform school straight away. We understand that you may have concerns so please take time to read the guidance and if you are still worried, please contact the school office – we are here to help.

Stay safe,

Alexis Satterthwaite

Head Teacher