

Dear Parent or Carer,

A confirmed case of Covid-19 in our School

A member of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Trafford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

The case is in your child's class group (Reception) and your child is a contact of the case and **must** self-isolate, returning to school on Tuesday 29th September. Only the contact (your child) needs to self-isolate, other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate.

School work will be provided and the teacher, who also needs to self-isolate, will provide lessons each school day through Google Classroom and/or the school blog. If the teacher is unwell another member of staff will become the contact during the isolation period. As always regular communication will be forthcoming.

As the children have only been in school a week we have not fully set up Google Classroom but this will be done overnight ready for 9am in the morning. The email is your child's surname and first initial @st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk. The password is sthugh1234. For example jonesh@st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk. They will obviously need support with this but can then watch the videos etc. As with all new systems we will have issues, please be patient and contact us if you require assistance.

While your child is self-isolating it is important to look out for symptoms of Covid-19.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school. If your child is identified as a contact please try not to worry. For most people Covid19 is a mild illness, if you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell please contact NHS111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can contact me at school.

This is a very difficult time for us all. Please be assured we have not taken this decision lightly, we have followed the appropriate advice from Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

CC: Eleanor Roaf, Director of Public Health, Trafford Council.