

Friday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers

I am devastated writing this letter, just when we thought we were getting back to some kind of normal.

Unfortunately today we received notification of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our school. My first call was to Public Health who gave me detailed advice that we are obliged to follow. The case is in Mrs Jones' Year 5/6 class.

The parents in the class have been informed as **all the children in the class have to self-isolate for 14 days, returning to school on Monday 5th October. Other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate. We have no choice in this matter, we have to follow advice.**

We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school. We have isolated the class and are confident all contact with the case has been traced. If you have not been contacted directly your child is safe to attend 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 symptoms below 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.

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

Mrs Jones will be setting work on Google Classroom (please activate your emails sent this week).

These are very strange times and it has been very difficult for us all, so thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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