

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately last evening 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 Miss Moran's Year 3 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 28<sup>th</sup> September. The case was also traced to before and after school club last Thursday and Friday. Therefore children and staff in this group also have to self-isolate for the same period. All parents and carers have been informed. Other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate.

We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school (which will not be used today) and we believe all the other groups in school have not been in contact with the confirmed case. 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 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.

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

Miss Moran will be setting work today on Google Classroom (please activate your emails sent yesterday by Miss Moran).

For the children in before or after school club work will be set. However this will take a while to plan as the children who are isolating are in different classes across school and their teachers will still be teaching. I will send out further communication as soon as possible. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle