

24th November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

We are writing to inform you that we received confirmation this morning of another staff member testing positive for COVID-19. We have worked closely with the Public Health England's London Coronavirus Response Cell team and Camden & Islington Public Health teams today.

The staff member was not a part of a bubble that is currently isolating. The staff member is a part of the specialist team. They developed symptoms on Saturday and four classes were in contact during their symptom onset period (Thursday and Friday). Four classes moved into self-isolation this morning: Iris, Tulip, Attenborough, and Malala.

We have just completed a comprehensive higher tier meeting with Public Health England and the Local Authority. This meeting assessed the design of our bubble zones, bubble transport, staggered start times, safety measures including the curriculum plan, school ROTAs, availability of full PPE, limits on the building with no visitors/events, no learning offsite, and measures to limit contacts across bubbles. It also included assessment of our hygiene measures which are run by the PFI contractor, and our addition of midday cleans across every classroom and hallway since September 2020. The meeting confirmed our approaches are robust and secure.

Please continue to monitor your child and family for symptoms. If your child develops any symptoms, please contact the school. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Thank you for supporting us and one another during this complex time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact reception on 02076818080, email support@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk, or speak to us at the school gates. We want to ensure you are supported.

Yours Sincerely,

Vijita Patel Rebecca Shaw
Principal Vice Principal

Important Links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>