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### **LETTER TO ALL PARENTS – SINGLE COVID-19 CASE**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately we have been advised by Public Health that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school; this is a staff case not a child case.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and have been working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide you with advice on how to support your child. Please be assured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

**None of the children in school have been identified as a close contact and therefore there is no need for them to self-isolate.**

However, there are staff members that have been identified as close contacts and have been informed that they will need to stay at home and self-isolate until a specified date as a preventative and precautionary measure. This is required by the Public Health, England, The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020.

This will affect the running of the school and we will unfortunately need to close our Early Years class bubble until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Early Years children will be able to access their learning via ClassDojo for this period and the staff will provide at least one Zoom session each day – please look out for details on ClassDojo.

An additional change is that our After School Care provision will necessarily be closed until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. If your child is in After School Care today, they need to be collected as soon as possible please. Please be assured that the provision is being run by staff members that have not been identified as contacts today.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience that we are aware this action will cause. However, it is crucial that we follow the advice given by Public Health at this time to work to prevent the spread of the virus. We hope that you will understand and support the measures that we are being required to take.

#### ***What to do if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19***

If you, your child or anyone in your household develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms started. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for testing and this should be arranged via <http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members, even if well, must also stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

### ***Symptoms of COVID-19***

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or

A loss of, or a change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### ***How to stop COVID-19 spreading***

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

#### ***Do***

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

### ***Further information***

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We understand that this development will cause anxiety and worry for our community; if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask. We will keep you updated should the situation develop further.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin