

28th September 2020

Dear parent/carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your swift response after learning that the school was going to be closed today. The school has had a professional deep clean today and I am pleased to say that we will be open at the usual time tomorrow.

As previously stated, we received confirmation that an individual at school, but not within your child or children's bubble group, has tested positive for Covid-19. They presented no symptoms whilst attending school, but in line with public health guidance, I have informed parents and carers of that bubble that their child must now enter isolation for 14 days. Staff in that bubble will also self-isolate.

According to Government Guidelines, only children who have had **direct contact** with the individual should self-isolate. Therefore, siblings of the children in the bubble that is self-isolating can return to school as normal (unless they have been specifically contacted by NHS Test and Trace).

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>."

I would also like to take the opportunity to ask parents/carers to now wear face coverings when they enter onto the school site. This is with immediate effect until further notice. It will be permissible not to wear face coverings if there are valid reasons not to. There is no requirement for any of our children to wear face coverings at any time. This still remains your prerogative as parent/carers. Please remember that where possible, only one parent or carer should be on a school site and for the shortest time necessary. Please do not enter any school buildings without prior arrangement. Once you have dropped off or collected your child, we respectfully ask you to leave the school premises immediately.

These remain challenging times for everyone and I hope you can understand the reasoning behind the changes we are imposing.





If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school via telephone or email.

Kind regards and stay safe, Victoria Tippett

