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Update following advice received from Public Health England

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you can appreciate we had to get communications out to you before the end of the day. Here is a revised version of the information we hope that this gives you more clarity.

Due to a number of confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst staff members, the decision has been made to temporarily close Newton's Primary School. Children's education is vital to their development, and closing schools will always be a last resort, however the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the borough means tough decisions have to be made to protect our residents.

"In order to minimise the disruption to pupils education, the school will be providing work for pupils to do from home. We will work to reopen the school as soon as it is safe to do so.

What does this mean for children who were sent home earlier this week to self-isolate?

If you were advised by the school that your child is required to self-isolate then they should continue to do so for a period of 14 days from the date that they were sent home. This means that they should not attend any clubs or activities, or mix with any other household.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell, new continuous cough), then you should arrange for them to have a test, and all the household should isolate while you wait for the results.

What does this mean for children who were sent home on Friday 25th but not told to self-isolate?

If your child was sent home on 25th September and you were not advised that they were a close contact, then they are not required to self-isolate. However, you should be vigilant and if your child (or anyone in the household) develops symptoms, then you should isolate and seek a test. All of the household should isolate while you wait for test results.

What else should I know?

If further staff or pupils test positive, then further contact tracing will take place, which could identify more close contacts who will be required to isolate. Parents will be telephoned if any more children are identified as close contacts.

Stay safe and take care.

Best wishes,

L James
Chair of Governors

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Executive Headteacher