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Dear Parents,

Case of COVID-19

We have been advised that persons in our school have tested positive for coronavirus.

What have we done?

We have carried out a full risk assessment and everyone who has been in contact with the person who tested positive has been identified and advised to self-isolate. If you have NOT been contacted directly, your child has NOT been in contact with the positive case according to public health guidelines and can continue to come to school as normal. This letter has been sent out to all families in our setting to let them know of the current situation and provide advice on how to support their child.

What do you need to do?

Please remember, the school's Risk Assessment and procedures remain in place, despite the restrictions being eased on 19th July. Masks, social distancing and 'bubbles' are very much still in place.

The school remains open and if your child is well, they can continue to attend as normal. We are continuing to monitor and review the situation.

Do be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus which are:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell**

See www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

If your child develops ANY of the three main symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should get tested as soon as possible. Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We know that this is a difficult time for families and thank you for your support as we work to keep our school and wider community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

For more information see next page, and:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ or by phone 111.

What is the situation?	What do I do?	When can my child go back to school or nursery?
My child has at least one **symptom** of COVID-19	• Your child must not go to school or nursery • Your child should have a test as soon as possible • The whole household should self-isolate while waiting for the test result and should not go out • Let your school know about the test result	• 10 full days after the symptoms started if the test result is positive • If the test result is negative, your child can return to school or nursery (as long as they are well and they are not a contact of someone with COVID-19).
My child has **tested positive for COVID-19**	• Your child must not go to school or nursery • Your child should self-isolate for 10 full days from when their symptoms started (or from the day they took the test if they had no symptoms) • The whole household should not go out and must self-isolate for 10 full days from the date your child's symptoms started (or from the day they took the test if they had no symptoms)	• 10 full days after the onset of symptoms if the test result is positive (or from the test result if they had no symptoms), • In some people, the cough or loss of taste and smell can last a few weeks. Your child can still go to school during this time, as long as they are otherwise well, had no fever for 48 hours, and have completed 10 days of self-isolation
My child's school or nursery has identified my child as a **close contact** of a person with COVID-19	• Your child should not go to school/nursery • Your child must self-isolate for 10 full days • They do not need to be tested unless they have symptoms. If they have symptoms they should get a test • The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless your child goes on to develop symptoms or anyone in the household has a positive COVID-19 test for any reason	• When your child has completed the 10 full days of self-isolation, as recommended by the school or nursery
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a **close contact** of a person with COVID-19 outside of school or nursery	• Your child must not go to school or nursery • They should self-isolate for 10 full days • If your child has symptoms they should get tested • They should continue to self-isolate even if they test negative during those 10 days • The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless they have also been in contact with the case, or your child goes on to develop symptoms or anyone at home has a positive test for any reason	• When your child has completed the 10 full days of self-isolation, as recommended by NHS Test and Trace
Someone else in my **household** has symptoms of COVID-19	• Your child must not go to school or nursery • The household member with symptoms should have a test as soon as possible • Your whole household should self-isolate whilst waiting the test result • No member of the family should be at school/work whilst awaiting a test result	• If the household member tests negative, and your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19, your child can return to school or nursery • If the household member tests positive, see below
Someone else in my **household** has tested positive for COVID-19	• Your child must not go to school or nursery • Your whole household should self-isolate for 10 days from the time that the person with the positive test started their symptoms (or from the test date if they had no symptoms), even if anyone else in the household tests negative during the 10 days	• When your child has completed the 10 days of self-isolation • If they develop symptoms during the 10 days, they need a test and must self-isolate for a further 10 days from their symptoms starting if it is positive