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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working with the Local Authority and Public Health England as several members of our school community; adults and children, have tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you might find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation and work closely with them to prevent further spread and improve safety in the school. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

This letter is to inform you of this situation and provide advice on how to support your child. The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend if they are well. If you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace, please follow their advice.

We have been advised by the LA and PHE to minimise contact between members of our school community as much as possible for the next 2 weeks. Therefore, we have had to reintroduce some of the measures we had in place before the Summer holidays such as bubbles at breaks and lunchtimes. We have also had to pause our after-school clubs so staff are not mixing across too many bubbles. In a year group or class where the cases are significant, the children will be eating lunches in their classrooms in order to minimise contact with children and staff as an extra precaution. We also ask that any parents or carers who come into school, to speak to the office staff or for a meeting, wear a facemask covering whilst inside school.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (a new cough, high temperature or change in the sense of taste or smell) they must not come to school and should get a PCR test through this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/or-by-calling-119>.

If the test is positive, they should remain at home for 10 days from the day after their symptoms appeared. This will greatly reduce the chances of spreading the infection to others in the community. If the test is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel better.

Advice for close contacts

Household contacts who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months and/or have been fully vaccinated with a UK NHS approved Covid-19 vaccine **do not need to self-isolate**; instead, we strongly advise that they also book a PCR test. Any **non-vaccinated adults** who live in the same house should self-isolate for 10 days alongside the child.

If your child is unwell, you can seek advice from NHS 111 through this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

or by calling 111, or yet by calling your GP practice.

Support for self-isolation

As the parent/guardian of a child or young person who has been told to self-isolate you may be able to get a £500 self-isolation support payment if you cannot work from home and need to take time off work to look after them. The child must:

- be 15 or under, or 25 or under if they have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC)
- live with you
- normally be at school or in childcare
- have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

You will need to meet the other eligibility criteria and you will need evidence that your child has been told to self-isolate. Any application must be received within 42 days of the start of your self-isolation period. To apply, or find out more information, visit Bradford Council's website:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/test-and-trace-support-payment/>

Further Information

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

This is not the start to the new school year we all wanted and hoped for. The measures we are implementing are part of our Covid Outbreak Management Plan, which can be found on our website. The measures are being implemented in order to keep all our school community safe.

I will keep you updated if things change over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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