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Dear Parents/Carers,

Case of COVID-19 in Year 1

We have been advised that there has been 1 positive case of Coronavirus in Year 1. Positive cases are required to isolate at home for 10 days. Under the new Government guidance close contacts of a positive case no longer need to self-isolate if they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months or if they are fully vaccinated.

What the school has done

We have done a risk assessment and protective measures remain in place, including practising good hygiene, ventilation, and regular Covid-19 testing.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. If cases increase substantially, the local Director of Public Health may advise us to put extra measures in place. If this happens, we will write to inform you of this.

This letter has been sent out to all families in the class to let them know of the current situation.

What you need to do?

This letter is to provide advice on how to support your child. Providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal

Please 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, they should self-isolate (this means stay at home) and get PCR tested as soon as possible. Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We also encourage parents and other household members (aged over 11 years) to continue with regular LFD (no symptom) testing twice weekly 3- 5 days apart.

This will help to keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education.

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

- Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19
- Meet people outside if possible and open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- Continuing to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) while on public transport and in busy indoor places
- Taking regular LFD (no symptom) tests
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, get a PCR test straight away and self-isolate until you get the result.
- If you're a close contact of someone who tested positive, make sure you get a PCR test and self-isolate if you are directed to do so.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen
Headteacher

For more information visit:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ or by phone 111.