



10th November 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Covid-19 Update

I am writing to thank all parents and pupils for the way that everyone is following the guidance on social distancing and ensuring that we are all able to make the most of the school day within the constraints of what we are able safely to do.

Of course, Covid-19 is widespread across the country and, when individual cases do occur within the school community, we will always take the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) and adopt any additional steps they ask us to take.

At present, we have one member of the school community who has tested positive for Covid-19.

As soon as we became aware of this, we contacted PHE for its advice and guidance. As the individual concerned has had no prolonged contact with pupils, PHE has advised us that no pupils need to self-isolate and all children can continue to come to school as normal. A few members of our office staff will, however, be working from home and self-isolating as a precaution over the coming days as they have been in close contact with the individual concerned.

To be clear, this is a single, isolated case that has occurred. There is no evidence that it was caught in the school or that anyone else in the school is infected. **PHE's advice is very clear: pupils should continue to come to school as normal.**

These are very important weeks for all pupils as we build on the progress made during the first half term after so long away from school. It is reassuring that, due to the social distancing plans we have put in place, we are able to manage the impact of this single positive Covid-19 case in ways that do not disrupt the children's time at school.

We all need to remain highly vigilant however even though the risk to primary children is very small. There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of getting ill with Covid-19:

- wash our hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash our hands as soon as we get home;
- cover our mouth and nose with a tissue or our sleeve (not our hands) when we cough or sneeze;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash our hands afterwards.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell) please do not send them to school but go to the dedicated NHS 111 Covid site, <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>, for details of what you need to do.

Thank you for your cooperation on this.

With best wishes,

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