

16th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you because a member of our staff tested positive for coronavirus yesterday. The member of staff concerned does not work full time and has not been in school since early last week. It has been 7 full days today since they were last in school.

I have taken advice from Public Health England this morning and they have advised that as the staff member has not been in school in the 48 hours prior to getting a test, we do not need to take any further action.

I believe it is very important to communicate openly with our parents and community and therefore am writing to inform you. However, I would like to reassure you again of all the measures we are taking in school to ensure that everyone remains safe. All the adults in school are maintaining social distancing from other adults and we have different areas for breaks and lunch times to avoid movement around school. Students are in class 'bubbles' and have designated year group zones at playtime and lunchtimes to avoid the mixing of different classes.

Lunchtime arrangements have been changed so that we can maintain the bubble system during the lunch break. We have rigorous cleaning, handwashing and sanitising routines all over school and students wash their hands each time they leave or enter the building. We are keeping everywhere well ventilated with open windows and staff are wearing masks when they walk around the communal areas in school.

I hope that this reassures you that school is as safe as can be: the students are all learning and are happy and settled. Teachers are very much enjoying having them back in class and being able to continue their education with them.

I fully appreciate these are worrying times but can assure you that we will continue to monitor government advice daily and follow all guidance from Public Health England.

As ever, we are out on the playground at the beginning and end of school every day so please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



Helen Haunch
Principal

