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Ref: Closure of EYFS Bubble

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in class FZM. This member is deemed a close contact with the class and following advice from Public Health England, we have closed the class for 14 days from the day of last contact. Whilst this person is not deemed to have been in contact with the wider Reception bubble, following cases in nursery too, we have been advised to close the remaining two Reception class bubbles as a precaution. As the member of our community has not been in since Friday 06-11-2020, this will be the date of last contact. **We therefore ask that you keep your child at home for this prescribed period; which will run between Friday 06-11-2020 and 20-11-2020. This means the Reception bubble will return to school on Monday 23-11-2020.** This closure allows parents to keep a close eye on their children at home for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If your child develops symptoms, they should immediately be tested and the test result should be sent to the school at: office@abbey-tmet.uk.

Staying safe

Current government guidance states that other household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that class or group (bubble) subsequently develops symptoms. If your child or any of your fellow household members do develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), however mild, they must self-isolate and arrange a test to see if they have COVID-19. Testing can be arranged through the NHS here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>. The results of any such test should be reported to the school immediately.

Further information about what to do if someone in your household has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. A useful flow chart can be found enclosed.

I would like to reassure you that although this news maybe worrying, it is something that we are thoroughly prepared to deal with. As you know, a large number of measures have been put into place to minimise risk and our processes are under constant review so that we keep the staff and pupils safe.

Remote learning

School work will continue to be set for your child whilst they are self-isolating, and packs can be collected/have been sent home. This work can also be accessed via our school website: www.abbey-tmet.uk. School staff are making calls today to inform parents of further details.



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We will keep you updated if there are any further changes or advice, in the meantime please continue to follow all government guidelines in keeping you and your families safe.

We thank you for your support at this difficult and uncertain time.

If you have any enquiries or questions over the next couple of days, you should email the office at: office@abbey-tmet.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Aldred

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Flow chart for parents/carers of pupils who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

The following diagram illustrates the actions to be taken when a pupil has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Please note that this is not a substitute for reading the full Government guidance:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Person has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive and is sent home to **self-isolate for 14 days**.

Household does not need to self-isolate, unless the child that they live with who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

If a person who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive subsequently develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period, then they should follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' - stay at home and get a test.

If the test delivers a **negative result**, then your child must **stay at home for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period**. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.

You will need to inform the school of the test result.

Household members can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms.

If the test delivers a **positive result**, then you should inform the school immediately and your child should **isolate for at least 10 days** from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period).

Household members should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'