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Ref: Deep Cleaning – School Closure

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that we have recently learned that several members of our school community have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last two weeks. Whilst these cases are identified within our EYFS setting, as a precautionary measure, we have made the difficult decision to close the school in order to perform a deep clean. **We will therefore be closing the school from Thursday 12th November 2020 – Friday 13th November 2020.** The school will reopen on Monday 16th November 2020 to children in Year 1 - 6. Children in Nursery and Reception classes will be required to self-isolate until Friday 20th November, and these parents have received a separate letter outlining details.

If your child develops symptoms during the closure, 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 during the 2-day closure for deep cleaning, and packs can have been sent home. This work can also be accessed via our school website: www.abbey-tmet.uk. School staff are working through calls today to inform parents of further details.



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School meals

For those children eligible for Free School Meals, a food parcel will be/has been provided for the next two days.

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. Due to the closure for deep cleaning, the office phones may not be answered.

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](#)'