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Ref: Class 5PS & Year 5 Intervention Bubble Closure

Dear Parent/Carer,

This afternoon, we learned that a member of our school community has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). This individual is now self-isolating at home for 10 days and those who have come into close contact with them are being informed to self-isolate and sent home before the end of the day. Parents of children in class 5PS and those that are members of the Year 5 Intervention Group are receiving phone calls, letters and packs today with further details.

Whilst your child has **not** been in close contact with this member of the school community, I wanted to assure you that upon learning of these confirmed cases, we quickly activated our internal procedures and processes. We took a number of immediate actions, which included:

- The Local Authority and the Local Public Health Team have been notified of the confirmed case.
- Pupils and staff who have come into close contact with the symptomatic individual have been informed to self-isolate.
- Parents of all pupils and staff who have come into close contact with the symptomatic individuals have been contacted and advised.
- Deep cleaning procedures will now follow.

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.

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

As a reminder, 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 at home and arrange a test to see if they have COVID-19. Testing can be arranged via the NHS at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>. Results of the test should be shared immediately with the school. We ask that you do not send your child into school until the self-isolation period has ended or they have tested negative for COVID-19.

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>

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Aldred



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