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Ref: Informing parents of positive case

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that a member of our school community in the FCS Bubble has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). This member may have come into close contact with your child and, following advice from Public Health England, we are required to send your child home for 10 days since last contact. The child was last in school yesterday before being sent home.

We therefore ask that you keep your child at home for the remainder of this isolation period from 12/01/2021 until 21/01/2021. The class will reopen to the children of key workers and those identified pupils on 22/01/2021.

From Monday 28th September 2020, it is a punishable offence not to comply with an official instruction to self-isolate, with fines starting at £1,000 and rising to £10,000 for repeat offenders or serious breaches. Parents or guardians are legally responsible for ensuring that anyone under 18 self-isolates. It is therefore important to comply with these legal requirements.

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

For those children that have been attending the key worker and identified pupil provision, school work will move online for these children too whilst they are self-isolating, and can be accessed via the children's TEAMs logins. Children will also have their work packs available to them.



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School meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then they will be entitled to a food hamper, which you will be provided with upon collection of the children. We'd like to remind you that if anybody with symptoms or self-isolating should remain away from the school and you should ask a member of your family or a friend to collect this on your behalf. If this isn't possible, then please inform the school office.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Aldred

Principal