



Tuesday 10th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to give a little more information and clarity in relation to the COVID-19 positive test that we received notification of yesterday. I appreciate that the DfE letter that I was required to send out to you may not answer all your questions and it does not detail the specific arrangements that we as a school will put in place to support the families involved. Please note that these arrangements will apply to any Year group bubbles that we may have to close in the future so please read on.

Whilst I obviously cannot give personal specific details of the case I hope that the information below may help to alleviate some of your queries or concerns.

- The child who has received a positive test is in Year 6 MW. The family has kept us informed from the moment the child became slightly unwell and the family followed the Government and Health England guidance appropriately. Of course it is helpful that we have just had the weekend which means less chance of contact. The Year 6 bubble (made up of 2 classes) has been working as a discrete bubble and in fact the two classes have had minimal contact with each other (apart from a couple of children). This is why, according to the contact checklist, it is only one class that the DfE has asked us to close. All our year groups are in separate bubbles and do not mix.
- Staff have been working with their discrete bubble and so it is only the staff that were in contact with the child who will need to isolate
- The DfE ask that the children isolate for 14 days but this is taken from a particular date depending on factors such as; date of the test and date of symptoms as well as symptoms in family members. In this specific case the pupils will be able to return on the 23rd November, but they can come out of isolation from Saturday 21st – as long as nobody else shows symptoms/has a positive test
- Families of the children are able to go about their usual activities; **so siblings of all Y6 children (except the family of the child who tested positive) are able to attend school as usual and should do unless they show symptoms in which case they must get a test.**
- **Please note that the isolating family must stay at home**
- The Track and Trace service will guide us further on actions we need to take
- We have thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and sanitized the classrooms and resources that they have used.

Arrangements for the Y6 bubble

- The Year 6 children will have their work set and uploaded to the school website, in the Our Learning section. We have however sent home 3 days worth of learning (hard copies). Mrs Muggeridge, Mrs Turton, Mrs Pulsford will all ring the children and be on hand to talk the children (and parents) through their learning. Videos will also be provided for some of the learning



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- Children who do not have a computer or a tablet will be given hard copies of the work (we have already spoken to the children to find out who this applies to) and we will be in touch with parents
- Going forward we will be rolling out the learning on Microsoft Teams. We will be in touch with logins and tutorials in the next few days.

To and from school where a child is having to isolate

- We are aware that parents may have difficulty getting siblings to and from school if they have no childcare for the isolating child. We have put special arrangements in place to help you:
 - Please bring the sibling(s) by car to Waylands
 - Please park in the first 4 spaces marked with a cone and special sign which will be on the right hand side
 - Please let the children out of the car (keeping the isolating child in the car), a member of staff will see your children into school for you
 - At the end of the day please park again in one of the 4 spaces in Waylands, we will bring the siblings to you
 - Please vacate the spaces as soon as possible

If you have any further questions or queries then please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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