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Dear Parents and Carers

Late this afternoon I was notified of another positive Covid case. This is unrelated to all other cases.

All our closed bubbles from the past two weeks, nine in total, are now back in school, but we have had to close a further bubble today.

The picture continues to change daily so I am urging you all to be vigilant to any covid symptoms in your families and get a rapid and/or PCR test promptly. Please let us know by email as soon as you get any positive results. This includes into the summer break: Senior Leaders will be monitoring the admin inbox daily.

So as I predicted in last week's letter, unfortunately some children and their teacher now need to isolate into the summer holiday. I urge you all to help keep transmission rates low by continuing with all precautions such as good hand hygiene and social distancing, to minimise the chance of spreading Covid 19.

Please remember, do not send your children into school on the last day if they complain about feeling unwell. If they have any of the Covid symptoms, a headache, feel sick or have been sick, Public Health England are now advising that you do a rapid or a PCR test. If the rapid is positive, please do a PCR test to confirm. Keep your child at home until you have the PCR results. Keep school informed at all stages and into the summer break.

If the PCR is negative then your child can resume normal holiday time activities outside of the home. If it is positive they must isolate. This is to safeguard everyone and avoid further spread in the wider family, amongst friends or the community.

Your child does not need to self-isolate unless you have been contacted by the school directly, this is because your child has not had direct contact with any of the positive cases.

I would ask that you please respect the privacy of any individuals now or in the future who require tests.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

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If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep them at home and arrange a PCR test. Our confirmed cases started with a headache or vomiting **but** the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Keep two metres apart from people who are not in your household
- Wear a face covering (people aged over 11 years) in public places

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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