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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to inform you that two staff members within the school have tested positive for coronavirus. One has been in direct contact with the Senior Leadership Team and rest of the office staff who will now be self-isolating for two weeks. The other has been in a class and around school as part of a bubble. If your child has been in direct contact with either of them you will have been notified yesterday.

It is only if you or your child has had direct contact, that you need to self-isolate for two weeks.

In line with advice from Public Health England, the school has closed for a deep clean today.

It is with deep regret that we now have to close the school for the following 9 days until half term.

We have several staff who are having to isolate due to family members testing positive. In addition to this, we now have the closure of two significant bubbles in line with government guidance. As such, this does not leave sufficient staffing levels to safely open any class in school.

If you need support or advice, please email school and we will get in touch with you. The admin team will monitor the school email, or you can contact your class teacher directly through their class email. The class teams will be offering support to you and your child as appropriate, they will post items on the school web site.

If your child does become unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) Follow the government guidance [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

- Your child must stay at home for at least 7 days. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- for anyone else in the household who starts displaying [symptoms](#), they need to stay at home for at least 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period

If you or your child begin to show the above symptoms we would also encourage you to follow the



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national guidance. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you develop symptoms you must self-isolate at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 - visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

As soon as you start having symptoms, you and anyone in your household must follow the [Stay at Home: Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

If your test is negative, then you must still complete the full 14 days of self-isolation, as you could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please inform the school of positive results.

I apologise once again, we have continued to follow the Government safety advice throughout this pandemic but unfortunately, the rise in cases Nationally has had an impact on us.

We hope this swift action to isolate, clean and plan forward will limit further disruption as much as possible as we go into the next half term and Winter. We shall open again on Monday 2nd November 2020. We will inform transport. I will contact you if there are any further updates and the school website will contain the latest guidance and information.

I hope you all remain safe and well, thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Wolstenholme

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