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RE: Single positive Coronavirus test result in Woodhouse Primary Academy.

Dear Parents/carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

Your child is not affected by this positive case, and have not been a close contact with them.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

There are no identified close contacts in our school with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19
If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 day**s from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test r by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10-day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms
The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:
- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your 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 the nhs.uk website at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/ If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://111.nhs.uk/ 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

Further Information
Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Since receiving notification of the positive test this morning, I have spoken to the Department for Education and Public Health England. This is currently an isolated case and requires only those staff and children who may have been in close contact with the person who tested positive to self-isolate for 10 days. In this particular situation, the positive case was not in school during the period of risk, which in this case stretches from 2 days prior to the date of the positive test, in this case Saturday 12th June and Sunday 13th June. You will know that we work hard to keep our class bubbles intact, which we have continued to do this term. We practice strict social distancing between bubbles and enhanced measures to protect children and adults. **Due to the measures we have in place, there is no further impact on children or adults in school.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support and contribution to keeping your children and our wider community safe.

Yours sincerely

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