



Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to remind and reassure you of the procedures and systems we have in place for suspected or confirmed cases of covid. I know many of you have been concerned about a parent who has tested positive recently.

The advice from Public Health England and from the Government is that you only need to self-isolate if you are a direct contact of someone who has tested positive with covid. If someone in your family has symptoms or you are concerned enough to go for a test, you and your whole family should self-isolate until the test result comes through. If it is negative, your children can come back to school. If it is positive, everyone has to remain at home for the full 14 days from the day of the test.

If a parent or child goes for a test we will not notify you of this. We will only notify you if a child tests positive because they may have been in direct contact with your children. If the parent tests positive they are not a direct contact of anyone apart from their own children so they are the only ones who need to self-isolate. If the children in a family where a parent has tested positive were later to develop symptoms and test positive then we would of course be in contact with you and the likelihood is the whole class would be sent home to self-isolate.

This is understandably worrying as children may be a-symptomatic and come to school and infect other children but the guidance is that if you are not a direct contact of a positive case you should carry on your life as normal - whatever normal is at the moment!

We do want you to let us know if you or anyone in your family goes for a test because we need to make sure that children don't return to school until the test comes back negative or 14 days later. We are keeping very careful records of this.

Please come and talk to us if you are concerned and I am happy to talk this through with you individually. I want you to be assured that we are following government and local authority guidelines fully.

Kind Regards,

Anne Sargent
Head teacher