



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

To the families of children in the Year 6 Bubble,

As you will be aware, we have worked very hard in order to ensure that our school is a Covid-secure and safe place for our pupils and our staff.

We have carefully followed all of the public health advice and guidance, and have carried out an in-depth risk assessment in order to put in place measures to minimise the risk of the virus spreading. This risk assessment is regularly reviewed as guidance is updated.

However, while the virus remains with wider society - and with cases in our area not slowing down quickly enough - it is perhaps to be expected that we will experience some cases within our school community.

This morning, we have been informed that someone in the Year 6 bubble has received a positive LFD test and as previously stated in my Head teacher letters, when this happens the bubble has to close pre-emptively whilst we await the results of an NHS PCR Covid-19 test. **In the event of a positive PCR test result being received tomorrow, Year 6 Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils who were in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will not be able to return to school until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. If your Y6 child has not attended school this week then they can return to school as planned on 8<sup>th</sup> March. In the event of a negative PCR test result being received tomorrow you will all receive a text tomorrow informing you that Y6 will reopen on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> for Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils and then for the whole year group from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I know this is extremely frustrating, but I hope you all also appreciate the need to keep all of our school community safe.**

We continue to work closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority, to ensure everyone is as safe as possible and all self-isolation guidance is accurate.

We are sorry that we have to take this step and we understand that this will cause inconvenience for many of you. However, at this time, we have no choice but to take this action to ensure the safety of staff and pupils while they are in school in line with **Public Health England** guidance.

If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal, a supermarket voucher will be ordered for you, and a redeemable code sent to your mobile phone.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms.

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested by ringing 119 or visiting the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). At that time, all other household members must also stay at home and not go to work, school or public areas even for exercise.

Please visit the Home Learning section of our school website for activities set by class teachers.

We thank you for your ongoing support and we will continue to keep you informed and up-to-date with any new information.

Best wishes,

*A D Thorpe*

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