



19th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re. Notification of a positive case of Covid 19 – Year 5

We have been notified that a pupil in Year 5 has received a positive PCR result for Covid 19.

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.

All parents and staff, regardless of class/year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those ages 11 and above in the household.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they need to stay at home and self-isolate immediately and get a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Your household needs to isolate too.

Despite the fact that today is the start of Step 4 of the roadmap and all restrictions have been lifted, we will continue to follow our school Covid 19 operating risk assessment and procedures, which remain in place until the end of the term. This means that the school will remain closed for the Year 5 pupils and home learning will be provided via MS Teams. Due to the fact that we have more than one pupil who has tested positive for Covid in the school and, given that it is so close to the end of term, I believe that this is the safest course of action. We have done so well as a school community to get this far through the academic year without having to close any of the bubbles and we don't want to risk increasing the number of cases in our community at the point where families are planning holidays and holiday childcare from Wednesday.

Due to the positive case being in the same bubble as your son or daughter, you may now be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace if your son or daughter has been identified as a close contact by the pupil and/or their parents/carers. The school no longer has the responsibility for contact tracing and the NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents or carers of the positive case to identify close contacts.

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Learning has now been uploaded to MS Teams. If your child would like to upload any work for feedback, the class Teams will be monitored by staff until 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

The children's PE bags and trainers are available for collection and will be underneath the canopy next to the hall door until 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Pencil cases and exercise books will be passed to the new Year 6 classes ready for September.

We will be in touch later today to let you know who your child's new Year 6 teacher will be and we will organise a 'virtual class swap' tomorrow so that children will have the opportunity to see and say hello to their new teacher. The details for this will be uploaded to Teams tomorrow morning.

The school office is extremely busy today and I would ask that you only contact us by telephone for urgent issues and use the admin email address for all other queries.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Sykes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs A Sykes

Headteacher