



Downs View

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Positive Covid Case

Unfortunately I am writing to you to report that we have a member of staff who has tested positive for Covid-19. I was informed of the case this morning and we have isolated all staff and pupils that have had contact. You will have been contacted directly if it affects your child. If your child has been asked to self-isolate this is for 10 days and they can return to school on Thursday 15th July.

We also have a number of staff that need to isolate so this will affect our staffing over the next week.

We fully appreciate that this is not the news that you wanted to hear and obviously it is not a position we want to be in. We will work hard to keep in close contact with the children and families that have been affected and I hope that we can continue to work together to keep our community safe and secure.

If your child shows any of the symptoms detailed below then please keep them at home and if possible, take them for a PCR test.

If you have any immediate concerns please contact the Deputy Head at your site or me via email. Our email addresses are on our website. We will also be posting key messages on our website and through School Ping.

With my very best wishes,

Vanessa

Vanessa Hickey
Executive Headteacher



Covid-19 Guidance

Please remember that it is still the case that if you feel unwell or have any symptoms of Covid-19 then you must stay at home and get a test. Further details can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.