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Update: What happens if we have a positive Covid-19 test result?

Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, can I thank you for your continued support over recent weeks. Our parents have adapted to various changes we have had to make over recent weeks and I am very grateful. Equally, our children continue in their learning journey and have swiftly adjusted really well to how we now operate as a school.

I very much hope that we will not have any diagnosed cases of Covid-19 in our school community, but we must be prepared. I thought it would be helpful to let you know exactly what happens when a positive case is reported to us and as a result, a number of pupils will need to continue their lessons from home, whilst they are in a period of self-isolation.

If your child has a Covid-19 test and the result is positive, you must ring the school and ask to be put through to myself, where I will ask you some further clarifying questions. Your call will be treated with complete confidentiality. When it is established that we have a positive case in our community we are required to call a dedicated *Department for Education Coronavirus School Support* line who will guide us through a risk assessment and decide how many children need to be sent home. Depending on the circumstance, this could be a class, half a year group or a whole year group. The pupils will generally be required to self-isolate for 14 days from their last contact with the infected individual. Unless your child becomes symptomatic, the rest of your family will not need to self-isolate.

After the phone call is concluded, we will put into place and communicate our action plan for dismissing the children to self-isolate and continue their lessons from home. We will inform you by **Email and text**, so that we can dismiss children efficiently and at a suitable time (this may be immediately). If we are dismissing a large number of children then we will give you a timeslot for arrival to avoid traffic congestion.

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In the event of isolation for a period of time, your child's education remains our top priority. Our remote learning plan will be implemented in the following way: you will receive a daily Email (via EDULINK) which has a hyperlink to Microsoft TEAMS lessons.

Each class has its own area of TEAMS and teachers will be online throughout lessons – adapted class timetables and TEAMS logins will be issued shortly to parents. Your child's teacher will be able to explain elements of the lesson as necessary and respond to questions as needed. We will also be using Tapestry for children in Reception and Year 1, and many of the lessons from Oak National Academies

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

If the period of remote learning extends beyond 14 days it is likely that we will adjust this plan and we will inform you accordingly.

I am hopeful that the stringent measures we are taking to keep our community COVID-safe mean that we do not have to use this plan in the near future, but I am grateful for your support with ensuring children's education is uninterrupted, should they need to be at home for an extended period of time.

Kind regards

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