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Positive COVID-19 case in school

Dear parents,

We wanted to write to update every one of the situation in school. Yesterday we had a confirmed case of COVID 19 within the staff. We still have a staff member absent due to the previous case of COVID19 and another who is having a phased return after having COVID 19. These members of staff have been quite unwell and the effects long lasting after the infection has gone, we must follow all guidance and cannot afford to take risks.

All pupils or staff who have been close contacts of the member of staff, who has tested positive this week, have been informed and instructed to self-isolate as per government guidance. Pupils were sent a text message yesterday and a letter about self-isolation today. Public Health England has been informed and LCC have been informed of our further case. Although we are one bubble in school, safety measure such as social distancing means not everyone has been identified as a close contact of the case.

A decision to move all other pupils to remote learning was taken yesterday; parents were informed by text message. The information regarding our remote learning was sent to parents in a letter on 23rd September, this letter is on the website in the parent area should you have misplaced it. It tells you about how to access the learning and the timetable for each class. Daily key worker calls will resume, so if you have any difficulties please speak to your keyworker. Senior leaders are in school if you need any further assistance.

The decision to move to remote learning was taken due to staffing levels available after staff who needed to self-isolate had been identified. The adequate supervision and appropriate education of pupils who would be in school was our first consideration. We do not have adequate numbers of teachers available to deliver the curriculum in school, nor do we have adequate staffing levels to safely supervise pupils in school. We are sorry for the inconvenience this causes but as always, the health and safety of our pupils alongside appropriate education must come first. Remote education means all pupils are as safe as possible and access teaching from the subject specialist.

Pupils who receive free school meals will be sent a voucher for this week and next week, either by post or email.

Pupils who do not have access to the internet or a computer will have a paper copy of the work delivered by staff who do not need to self isolate. Pupils who do not have computer access at home and meet the governments criteria are eligible for a laptop provided by the government. We will be requesting these today. If the computers for vulnerable pupils arrive from the government, we will also have staff available to deliver

these. Last time we had to move to remote teaching we were not able to access them but we are hopeful of more success this time.

Pupils who attend an alternative provider such as CAST or PVC will still attend unless they have been instructed to self-isolate. Taxis have been informed they are required to take these pupils to their alternative provision. Hawthorn tuition for those educated offsite is not affected and continues as normal.

Whilst school has moved to remote learning the school will be deep cleaned again.

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 8th December. We are hopeful of a fulltime return and will write next week with our plan.

Any pupil who is working remotely should self-isolate and get a test as per government guidance if they become symptomatic whilst at home. Please let us know if this is the case.

The families of pupils who are self isolating due to being a contact of a case in school do not need to self-isolate unless their son becomes symptomatic. It is all explained in the separate self-isolation letter sent to all contacts.

This is a difficult time for everyone and understandably you may have concerns, please contact school via your keyworker, the school office or email. We want to reassure you we are doing all we can to provide suitable education in the safest possible way for your son. We are as frustrated with it all as I imagine you are becoming, sorry.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. C Thompson
Headteacher

On behalf of
Mrs. D Hodgeson
Chair of Governors

