



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Sunday 13th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 1,

Time has been spent today calling each family of children in Year 1 to make you aware that a member of the Year 1 bubble has tested positive for Covid-19. Following advice from the local health protection team and Public Health England, we have been advised on the steps that we need to follow in the case of a positive test.

I do not underestimate the anxiety and worry that receiving this news will have caused and I am grateful to our parent body for responding in such a caring and understanding manner.

To reiterate the main threads of the communication today, alongside our local health protection team, we have taken the following steps to ensure that any potential transmission of the virus is minimised;

- Immediate closure of the Year 1 bubble to all staff and children to allow a period of self-isolation for those that could have come into contact with the person who has tested positive. These are deemed 'close contacts'.
- The period of self-isolation is live now and up to Monday 21st September with the children and staff being eligible to return into school on **Tuesday 22nd September**.
- The child self-isolating is the only member of the family who needs to have their movements restricted. All other members of the family can move around freely as they would usually.
- There is **no need to order a test** on the basis of this isolation. The self-isolation period will allow for any symptoms to become evident. On the basis of symptoms presenting themselves (persistent cough, high temperature of 37.8C or above or loss of taste/smell), then a test should be sought and you should inform us of the outcome. If no symptoms present during this period of self-isolation, then there has not been a transmission of the virus to your child and they can come back to school as usual on 22nd September.
- All learning will move online in the manner in which you became used to during the national lockdown. The Class Teachers will be in touch via ParentHub and Microsoft TEAMS to help manage the work that is being set for the children whilst they are at home.

In our conversations with families, some parents were concerned that their child may have come into contact with another person from another bubble. The health protection team have been very clear that we are only dealing with 'close contacts' and not 'contacts of contacts' as this could be potentially never ending in determining the amount of people who have been in contact with one another. Right now, we must act with the information we do know and that is that the children and staff have been in contact with someone who is Covid-19 positive. Our first next step is to see if there is any transmission of the virus and ensure that this is stopped rather than being continuously spread.

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I understand the disruptive nature of what we are asking of you and I wholeheartedly apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause. I do want to reiterate the point I made above about how parents responded when called today as it was lovely to hear parents being so incredibly supportive and kind when the message being delivered is one that was so unexpected on this sunny Sunday.

You are able to email the class staff any learning related questions on the following email addresses;

Hannah.parsons@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk
Rachel.tomlinsoln@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk
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Should you have any further questions on the main contents of this letter in relation to self-isolation and the closure of the bubble, please do not hesitate to contact me where I will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. Take care and we shall look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Sam Eden
Headteacher