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Letter to notify school community of a positive case

Notification: Positive case of coronavirus COVID-19 within the school

Date: 09 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Case of COVID-19

We have been advised that a person in our school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

If your child has been identified as a close contact to the positive case, you will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace who will ask that your child book in for a PCR test. Taking a PCR test is the only way of knowing if the virus is spreading within the school.

As per Government guidelines, we will no longer be sending the class or bubble home to self-isolate, and your child can continue to attend school (including while awaiting the result of their PCR test) as long as they are feeling well and not showing any symptoms of coronavirus. Although you/your child do not need to isolate, if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, it would be advisable to avoid contact with anyone who is clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 while they await their test result.

What do you need to do?

The school remains open and if your child is well, they can continue to attend as normal. We will continue to monitor and review the situation with Haringey Public Health.

Do be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus and keep your child at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately if they display any of the following symptoms (however mild):

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

PCR tests can be arranged by following this link: <u>https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</u> and is available from sites at Alexandra Palace, Haringey Irish Centre Car Park and Stamford Hill Primary School (appointment only).

For further information visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

We thank you for your support as we continue to stride towards keeping our school and wider community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

For more information:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ or by phone 111