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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 Pupils,

Case of COVID-19

We have been informed that there has been a case of coronavirus in Year 5. Under the new Government guidance close contacts of a positive case no longer need to self-isolate if they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months or if they are fully vaccinated.

What the school has done

We have done a risk assessment and protective measures remain in place, including practicing good hygiene, ventilation, and regular Covid-19 testing.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. If cases increase substantially, the local Director of Public Health may advise us to put extra measures in place. If this happens, we will write to inform you of this.

This letter has been sent out to all families in the Year 5 class to let them know of the current situation.

What you need to do?

This letter is to provide advice on how to support your child. Providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal.

Please be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus which are:

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

See www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

If your child develops ANY of the three main symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate (this means stay at home) and get PCR tested as soon as possible. Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We also encourage parents and other household members (aged over 11 years) to continue with regular LFD (no symptom) testing twice weekly 3- 5 days apart.

This will help to keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education.





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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

We know that this is a difficult time for families and thank you for your support as we work to keep our school and wider community safe.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tonnie Read
Executive Headteacher

For more information visit:

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

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

