



9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **A confirmed case of Covid-19 in our School**

A pupil of our school has tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Trafford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

I know this will be worrying for you, especially if your child has been sent home, so I am writing to update you on the situation.

When we were first informed about the case, children and staff who are in the same bubbles were sent home. This is because they may have been in contact with the case and is a precaution to keep everyone safe. These children will now need to stay at home and can return to school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of September. This is 14 days after the last potential contact with the case.

### **What happens next for everyone?**

- School is open. The children who have **not** been sent home should continue to come to school if they are well.
- Siblings of children who are staying at home should still attend school because they have not had contact with the case.
- If there are further cases in school, we will continue to follow the advice from Trafford and Greater Manchester Public Health. This could mean we send home more children and bubbles.
- If your child develops any Covid-19 symptom (a high temperature/new, continuous cough/change or loss of sense of taste or smell) you **must**: book a test; let school know; and stay at home until you have the result. Please contact school with the result immediately. We will send children home if they develop symptoms at school.
- As this is our first confirmed case, we will review our plans and make any changes we think are necessary.

### **What happens next for the children who have been sent home?**

- Your child does not need a test and should only have one if they develop Covid-19 symptoms.
- A deep clean will take place in their classrooms and all shared areas if required to do so by Public Health England.
- The class teachers will send links to home learning.

I know this is a very unsettling situation and sadly it is likely to be one that we will all need to become used to and adjust to. I am deeply sorry for the disruption and worry this will have caused you, especially so early in the term and after such a positive start last week. However,

the safety of your children is always our main priority and we have taken the right actions to keep our school family safe.

I'd like to thank all the parents who acted so quickly and responsibly in responding to this case. Your actions meant we were able to minimize the risk of further infection in our school. To reduce this risk further, it is important we all follow the local lockdown guidance outside of school, which you can find here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-west-of-england-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#local-restrictions>

It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 and only well children attend school.

**The main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school. If your child is identified as a contact, please try not to worry.

For most people Covid19 is a mild illness, if you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell please contact NHS111 or your GP.

Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed. If you have any questions or concerns, please refer to the government website [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus) or you can contact me by calling school.

Please contact school if you have any questions or if you need any further help or advice. Thank you for your understanding and your support.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Mrs L Bates  
**Head teacher**