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Dear parents,

We have been made aware by Public Health England that two more members of our school community has tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you might find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation and work closely with Public Health England and Bradford Council to prevent further spread and improve safety in the school. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

This letter is to inform you of this situation and provide advice on how to support your child. The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend if they are well. If you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace, please follow their advice.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (a new cough, high temperature or change in the sense of taste or smell) they must not come to school and should get a PCR test through this [link](#) or by calling 119. Please be extra-vigilant if your child begins to show symptoms and they are in the affected year group.

If the test is positive, they should remain at home for 10 days from the day after their symptoms appeared. This will greatly reduce the chances of spreading the infection to others in the community. If the test is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel better.

### **Advice for close contacts**

Household contacts who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months and/or have been fully vaccinated with a UK NHS approved Covid-19 vaccine **do not need to self-isolate**; instead, we strongly advise that they also book a PCR test. Any **non-vaccinated adults** who live in the same house should self-isolate for 10 days alongside the child.

If your child is unwell, you can seek advice from NHS 111 through this [link](#) or by calling 111, or yet by calling your GP practice.

### **Support for self-isolation**

As the parent/guardian of a child or young person who has been told to self-isolate you may be able to get a £500 self-isolation support payment if you cannot work from home and need to take time off work to look after them. The child must:

- be 15 or under, or 25 or under if they have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC)
- live with you
- normally be at school or in childcare
- have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

You'll need to meet the other eligibility criteria and you'll need evidence that your child has been told to self-isolate. Any application must be received within 42 days of the start of your self-isolation period. To apply, or find out more information, visit Bradford Council's website:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/test-and-trace-support-payment/>

**Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

Alice Jones

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