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Dear parents,

We have been made aware by Public Health England that a member of staff 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/>

If a member of your household tests positive on a PCR or lateral flow test, we would be grateful and strongly advise that all members of your household have a PCR test as soon as possible. We would also really appreciate it if you do not send your child into school until you have received a negative PCR result for them. This is an enhanced risk control measure that we are recommending to try and protect the vulnerable members of our school community and reduce the spread of the virus.

We would also appreciate it if your family continues to do regular lateral flows for the next 10 days, even after any PCR tests come back negative, as there is still the chance that a child with a household member with COVID could become infected by COVID after the PCR test was taken.

Further Information

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

Yours sincerely

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