

21st September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

A confirmed case of COVID-19 in our School

A member of our school in **Year 4** has tested positive for Covid-19. The Year 4 bubble have been sent home to self-isolate. The school is working closely with Salford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

We have been risk assessing the situation in school and we have measures in place to reduce the impact of situations like this.

Public Health advice at this stage is that the setting remains open because the majority of the school community are not close contacts. The school has increased cleaning generally. We have arranged deep cleaning of the areas affected.

Public Health Advice on Self-isolation

For those children who are contacts of the case (Year 4 bubble), the school has already been in contact to let those parents know and to explain the next steps. Any close contact **must** self-isolate for 14 days (this includes household members of the positive case). Only the close contact needs to self-isolate; other members of their household do not need to self-isolate.

Isolation means the person cannot go outside of the house (unless in your garden) other family members (outside your household) cannot visit and the child cannot see friends. Contacts who are isolating do NOT need to be tested because they will still need to continue to isolate for 14 days even if the test is negative.

Public Health Advice on symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Information about COVID-19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Although COVID-19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too; and it is important that these are not missed. Please contact your GP or NHS111 if you are worried; or call 999 if seriously unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, or you can contact school by telephone or email.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times,

Mrs Emma Henderson
Headteacher

