

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus update: Single confirmed case in school

We have had a single confirmed child case of Covid-19 in school. The child attended on Friday 29th January and all children and staff who were in contact with that child will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days. This will be all children who attended school on Friday. The isolation period includes the day they were last in contact with the child and the next 10 days (Tues 9th will be the end of the isolation). The school will now be CLOSED to all staff and pupils for 1 week whilst we undergo a deep clean and observe the isolation period.

We will look to reopen on **Monday 8th February** for staff and pupils who were not present on Friday.

We fully understand that juggling family commitments, home learning and, for many of you, working from home is a daunting task. However, we have been so impressed with the way you are responding to the challenges, a huge well done to you all! It has been lovely to see so many of them happy at home via the Seesaw and Tapestry platforms, you are doing a great job! Again, if you have concerns, please use the online platforms or class emails to contact teachers, they will be available to call back as well as email if necessary.

I am so grateful to have such a dedicated staff and I am thankful for how flexible and supportive they have been since the beginning of term. They are now taking regular lateral flow tests, which has made everyone feel more comfortable coming into school for their days of teaching. We are continuing with temperature checks and regular hand-washing and sanitizing in school and would like to remind everyone who is sending their child into school that it is hugely important to adhere to the government guidelines regarding lockdown. At present this means no mixing of households.

If your child is feeling at all unwell on the morning in which they are due to be coming into school, please keep them at home. We cannot be too careful at this stage, as the infection rate in our area is still very high. This will help to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils and will enable us to keep the school open to children of critical workers and those in the vulnerable category.

Kind regards

Mrs Richards