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FAO: Parents or Carers

Dear parents / carers,

I am writing to advise you that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health advisors. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The staff and children who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case will have received an individual letter and will be isolating at home.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

The other household members of this wider group do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

As your child is not a close contact, they do not need to stay away from school unless they are showing any of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back, and/or
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, and/or
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

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If your child develops any of these symptoms they should stay at home and start to self-isolate and arrange to have a COVID-19 test. The whole household, including anyone in your support bubble, should stay at home while awaiting a home test kit or a test site appointment and whilst waiting for test results.

If your child then tests positive, or is unable to take a test, they should not attend school for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and everyone else in your household should self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms. If the test is negative you can all stop isolating.

If anyone else in your household develops symptoms and the test result is positive, they should then stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started, regardless of where they were in the previous 10 day period.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>.

If you are concerned about your / your child's health, please refer to the NHS 111 website or telephone NHS 111 or your GP.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

The safety and welfare of all our staff and children remains our top priority. We continue to undertake thorough cleaning around the whole school and a deep clean will be carried out in the appropriate areas of school following this positive case.

If you would like to speak to someone, or have any further questions, please email secretary@newbewerley.org.uk

With kind regards,

G German

Headteacher

