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Dear Parents and Carers

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I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that a staff member within our school community, who has limited contact with learners in their role, has tested positive for COVID-19. Your child **should continue to attend** school as normal and will return on Monday 2nd November after half term.

Following Government, Local Authority and Public Health guidance the affected person and their family have now started their isolation.

We have also sent a letter to parents and carers of children, of the school bubble directly affected telling them that they need to isolate for 14 days from when they last had contact with the person affected and details about their continuing education; in line with government guidance.

I would like to reassure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows Government, Local Authority and Public Health guidance for cleaning, hygiene and social distancing.

Should any member of your household start to develop symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested and inform the school immediately. Please do not send your child into school if they, or anyone in your family display Covid symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- **a high temperature** – this means they may feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to take their temperature with a thermometer)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** – this means they may tell you that they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different.

To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

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

You can get a test at a testing site, or by asking for a home testing kit.

Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We realise that this is an anxious time for our families and would like to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of our young people and staff is our core priority We thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe and enjoy a relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely

Loz Wilson

Headteacher

