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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Unfortunately we have been informed this evening that a member of staff In Year 3 has had a confirmed case of Covid-19. I am sure you will know that it is our ultimate priority to keep the whole school community as safe as possible. For this reason and after discussions with Public Health England and the Bourne Education Trust we have made the difficult decision to close the Year 3 bubble.

All children in Year 3 cannot be in school and now need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is a precautionary measure in order to reduce the possible spread of the virus to family, friends and the wider community. Children will be able to return to school **on Friday 4th December 2020** at the normal time. In the meantime, home learning will be provided to all children via Microsoft Teams, you will receive communication from your child's class teacher tomorrow morning via email by 9am.

Please note that siblings of Year 3 children should still attend school as normal, unless you are told to self-isolate by the NHS Test and Trace team; or in the event that the Year 3 child or anyone else in your household develops symptoms.

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to develop any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19 (a reminder of these is set out below), please follow government advice and seek a test. Please also let us know the outcome of your test once known so that we can follow up with Public Health England as appropriate.

We continue to maintain the rigorous arrangements that we have in place across the site to keep bubbles separate from each other, with our enhanced cleaning and hygiene regimes firmly in place. Our school risk assessment is available for you to view on our website.

As a reminder, we have summarised the Government guidance regarding Coronavirus symptoms and ways in which to reduce the transmission below.

Symptoms of COVID19

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID19.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing



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Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Stay at home guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid19-infection>

How to stop COVID19 spreading

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

Do:

- follow the government's rules on social distancing
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Don't:

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Face coverings

If you can, wear something that covers your nose and mouth in places where it's hard to stay away from other people.

There are some places where you must wear a face covering, such as:

- on public transport
- in shops
- when you go to hospital appointments or visit someone in hospital

Important: Some people should not wear face coverings, such as children under 3 and people with breathing difficulties. Further Information is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

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