



Reaching for the Stars !

Dear Parent or Carer,

8th November 2020.

A confirmed case of Covid-19 in our School

A couple of members of our school community have tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Trafford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

The latest advice from Trafford Public Health recognises that our Learning Bubbles (LBs) are very big at 70, pupils so in order to restrict the impact of sending everyone home in Y6 we have had to conduct our own 'Track and Trace' procedure within school which we have been doing over the weekend.

This process has been very difficult and stressful for School staff as we want to maintain a balance of protecting the privacy of our pupils and staff in relation to each positive Covid case. We will therefore continue our policy of not identifying ' the contact ' in each positive case. So rather than send an entire LB into isolation we will now be initially sending one class home and perhaps a number of individuals from the other classes who we consider to have been exposed to the contact for less than 2m over more than a 15 minute period.

This risk assessment will be made by senior staff on a case by case basis and will not be up for discussion with any parent or carer. This approach will be reviewed regularly but it may result in us being able to keep more children at school for longer. Everyone should still remain vigilant when it comes to monitoring whether or not you or a family member has Covid19 symptoms.

May I remind everyone that you should all continue to isolate and stay at home even IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR THE RESULT OF A COVID TEST - PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF A TEST.

The class of Y6a has been identified as a contact (there are also one or two individuals from 6b) . Any contact **must self-isolate for 14 days. Only the contact (your Y6a child) needs to self-isolate, other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate. For schools, a contact is any child or adult identified through setting based contact tracing.**

ALL MEMBERS OF Y6a class MUST NOW ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS UNTIL Wednesday 18th November 2020.

School staff will provide home learning support and keep in contact via ' Seesaw ' . The children will return to school on the 18TH NOVEMBER . Even if your child has a negative test they still cannot return to school until the 18th November with everyone else in 6a .

It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 so only well children attend school.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school.

If your child is identified as a contact please try not to worry. For most people Covid19 is a mild illness, if you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell please contact NHS111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can contact me by calling the school office or Covid19@davyhulmeprimary.com

Best wishes,

Mr P McDowell

Head Teacher