



4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

To the families of children in the Year 6 Bubble,

As you will be aware, we have worked very hard in order to ensure that our school is a Covid-secure and safe place for our pupils and our staff. We have carefully followed all of the public health advice and guidance, and have carried out an in-depth risk assessment in order to put in place measures to minimise the risk of the virus spreading. This risk assessment is regularly reviewed as guidance is updated.

However, while the virus remains with wider society - and with cases in our area not slowing down quickly enough - it is perhaps to be expected that we will experience some cases within our school community.

As you are all aware, yesterday a person in the Y6 bubble accessed an NHS PCR test and this morning that came back as positive. **All Y6 Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils who were in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will not be able to return to school until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, however please note that your child's isolation ends at midnight on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If your Y6 child has not attended school this week then they can return to school as planned on 8<sup>th</sup> March.** I know this is extremely frustrating, but I hope you all also appreciate the need to keep all of our school community safe.

We continue to work closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority, to ensure everyone is as safe as possible and all self-isolation guidance is accurate. We are sorry that we have to take this step and we understand that this will cause inconvenience for many of you. However, at this time, we have no choice but to take this action to ensure the safety of staff and pupils while they are in school in line with **Public Health England** guidance.

If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal, a supermarket voucher will be ordered for you, and a redeemable code sent to your mobile phone.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested by ringing 119 or visiting the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). At that time, all other household members must also stay at home and not go to work, school or public areas even for exercise.

Please access Teams and all daily school work will be uploaded as normal for your child to work on.

We thank you for your ongoing support and we will continue to keep you informed and up-to-date with any new information.

Best wishes,

*A D Thorpe*

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