

17th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have two confirmed cases of Covid in the school environment. These are the first direct school related cases we have experienced. I want to confirm the risk to any pupils is negligible as the member of staff affected is not a class teacher and has had no direct contact with pupils within the track and trace period. The second is a pupil who was already at home isolating and therefore not been in contact in the two weeks running up to the confirmation of the case.

We are in contact with them and wishing them well for a speedy recovery. I wanted to keep you informed so we are continuing to work in a transparent and clear way.

It has tested our mechanisms to track and trace within the school and quality checked our mitigating procedures and protocols, both have been rigorously challenged and subsequently approved by Public Health England. I think it is testament to our collective hard work that this is the first time we are experiencing this situation.

With this in mind can I thank all parents, carers, pupils and staff for continuing to do everything they can to reduce the risk of the transmission of Covid within our community. We will remain vigilant, if this means your child is symptomatic then please keep them at home and do not risk the transmission in our school environment. A pupil developing symptoms will be sent home to isolate and have a test (where a pupil is able to undertake a test). There is a legal duty that came into force on Monday 28th September that outlines the requirements of isolation if any person is symptomatic. I know this can sometimes seem frustrating, but we all have to do our bit to keep ourselves and each other safe.

We have all experienced greater disruption over the last week and with this in mind we have consulted our parent forum and staff and made the decision to move our INSET days that are currently in place for Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November to the end of this term. We are collectively in agreement that this will cause less disruption to the pupils by avoiding a mid-term break.

The new INSET days will be on the 17th and 18th December, hence, the last day of term will be Wednesday 16th December. All Christmas celebration and events will be brought forward to ensure the pupils' do not miss out.

Kind regards



Ady Young
Headteacher