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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family continue to be well.

I am writing to advise you that a member of staff has tested positive for coronavirus. The member of staff has been self-isolating since the weekend.

We have been working closely with the Somerset Council Public Health Team and have not identified any close contacts between the staff member and students in the school; a risk assessment of the case has therefore not shown a risk posed to the wider school community.

Whilst I fully understand that a case of Covid-19 will cause additional anxiety amongst the school community, please rest assured that all necessary steps have been taken to minimise the risk to others within the school.

It is important that all members of the school community remain vigilant about looking out for the symptoms of coronavirus and, if required, follow the requirements to self-isolate.

Symptoms of Covid-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are the recent onset of:

- a new and continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

In the event your child develops symptoms, please see information below on the actions to take, and how to help prevent any further spread of coronavirus.

What if your child or another member of your household develops symptoms of Covid-19?

- Please ensure your entire household self-isolates
- Please contact the school via the absence line, explaining the reason for absence
- Arrange for your child/the household member to be tested via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>, or by calling 119
- Remain at home pending the outcome of your child / household member's test

If the test is positive:

- Contact the school on 01458 832943 as soon as possible, in case additional actions are required in school



- The individual who tested positive will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the day after the first date of symptoms appearing
- All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' defined here;
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

For further guidance, please see the link, below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If the test is negative:

- Your household can stop self-isolating, and return to work and school
- Please contact the school to inform us that the period of self-isolation for your child is no longer required

How to help stop the spread of Covid-19

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with Covid-19.

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – 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

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please do get in contact with your child's Head of Key Stage, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, should you require any additional information or advice. I hope you and your family are able to stay well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Keith Howard
Headteacher