

## Letter to Reception parents

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had notification of a confirmed COVID-19 result in Reception. I have spoken with Public Health England to ensure that we are taking the right actions to keep our school community in good health. The advice that Public Health have given us is outlined below:

They have advised that ALL children and affected staff in Reception need to self-isolate until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This means that the children can go out from the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school as normal on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

As pupils will not be in school, home learning will be provided for your child for the school days they will not be in attendance. They have been given a phonics resource and a letter writing activity to complete until you receive a text message from school with log in details to access Microsoft Teams (as per the Remote Learning plan we have previously shared with you). This can also be found on our website. You will also find a guide to help you set up Microsoft Teams on your device and two videos to help you with its use.

For guidance on what self-isolation is and what this means for your child, please see the NHS information below:

### How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

#### Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

The advice from Public Health England is that children will only need to be tested if they develop any of the symptoms as listed on the DfE and NHS websites:

• **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)



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• **a 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)

• **a 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

We will continue with the thorough cleaning schedule that we have in place and will ensure that a further deep clean of school takes place this evening.

Staff and leaders across school are working tirelessly to ensure that we are following all of the guidance being issued. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Atherton', written in a cursive style.

Mrs F. Atherton  
Head of School