



Heathfield PRIMARY SCHOOL



Letter to 6M parents

Friday 20th November 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had notification of a confirmed COVID-19 result within 6M. I have spent this morning working 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 6M need to self-isolate for the next ten days. The children have not had contact with the affected person for four days - this is why Public Health England have advised that children can return to school as normal on **Tuesday 1st December**.

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 pack of learning for the next few days. You will then 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 that can be found on our website.

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

How to self-isolate

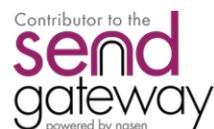
You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

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.

I appreciate that this is a very worrying and challenging time for the whole Heathfield family and thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Atherton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs F. Atherton
Head of School