

Letter to Nursery parents

Friday 25th September 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I thank you for the continual support and feedback that many of you have offered us since we returned to school. This is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have had notification of a positive COVID-19 test within Nursery. I have spent the afternoon 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 Nursery need to self-isolate for 14 days from today. This means we look forward to welcoming your children back **on Monday 12th October**.

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)
- **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,



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