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St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Advice to All Parents of Pupils in Key Stage 2

We have been made aware of several people in our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19.

Following discussions with the Health Protection Team, we have made the decision to implement additional measures into school to minimise further cases. I know you will find this worrying; however, my main aim is to keep face to face education in place and the school open as well as do everything we can to not have an outbreak.

If well, your child should continue to attend school.

For parents of children in Year 5/6, we would suggest that you organise for your child to have a PCR test. They can continue to attend school whilst waiting for the result as long as they do not display any symptoms and you are not advised by NHSTT to isolate (NHSTT - NHS Test and Trace). Any absence will be authorised.

Below you will find some of the measures which have been implemented for Year 5/6 pupils. These will be in place and will continue up to half term:

- Year 5 and 6 classes will return to being in individual pods, forming a bubble as a year group. They will learn, eat and play in these bubbles. Children in Year 3.4 will continue to learn as they are now.
- Children in these classes will return to sitting facing the front and will remain seated next to the same person so we can monitor close contacts.
- Collective Worship will take place in classes.
- We will also organise for them to have separate playtimes/lunchtimes and they will also eat in their classrooms. Year 5/6 children having hot school dinners will continue with these but will eat them in classrooms.
- These classes will return to using one toilet area and usage will be monitored by the staff in place.
- At this time, attendance at after school clubs is now restricted and all children in Y5.6 will return home at the end of the day.
- If your Year 5/6 child attends Gilbert's Gang, they can continue to attend. Arrangements have been put in place. From tomorrow, the Year 5.6 children will be returning to the pod in the year 5.6 shared area for both before and after school. Please drop your child off at the fire escape door on the bottom playground. After school, they will have their own allocated outdoor area which will be on the bottom playground. The staff member will continue to sign your child on collection.
- We are currently consulting Lincolnshire Music Services regarding peripatetic music lessons and will inform you of their decision once known.
- Whilst your decision, I would recommend your child not mixing with others outside of school to minimise further contacts and the chance of becoming asymptomatic or contracting Covid-19.

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For all **Key Stage 2 children from Years 3 – 6** at the start and end of the school day, entry and exit to school will be through the car park onto the field where children will line up in their classes and will be greeted/dissmissed by a member of staff.

During drop-off and pick-up times, it is very important that parents/carers maintain social distancing and leave the school site as soon as you have dropped or picked up their child(ren). If parents wish to wear a mask please feel free to do so. Drop off and pick up times will remain the same at this time but we will continue to monitor its effectiveness and make changes if required.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms must also organise a PCR test as they are eligible for testing and this can be arranged via the [COVID 19 national website](#) or by calling 119. **Please contact us as soon as your child develops symptoms and we would ask you to advise us of the outcome of the PCR.**

Symptoms

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

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

NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts.

What to do if the PCR test result is positive

Your child will need to complete a full 10-day isolation period. The isolation period normally includes the day of the test, plus the following 10 days. You are likely to be contacted by NHS Test & Trace (NHSTT) to confirm your child's isolation period and identify any close contacts. If any other children from our setting have had contact with your child socially (e.g. play date, party, sleepovers etc), please ensure you identify these children to NHSTT, so they can be followed up as close contacts.

If your child does not currently have symptoms but goes on to develop symptoms following the PCR test, please be aware their isolation period will re-start from the point that symptoms started (so their isolation period is then calculated as the day symptoms started, plus the following 10-days).

What to do if the PCR test result is negative

Your child can end their isolation immediately and your child can return to the setting straight away as long as they are well enough to do so and have not been told to isolate for any other reason e.g., quarantine following travel, advised by NHS Test & Trace to isolate.

Other information

If not doing so already, we would encourage all adults and secondary school aged children in your household (who have not tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days) to self-test twice-weekly with lateral flow devices. Secondary school children are provided with tests via their schools. Adults can pick up free test kits from many local pharmacies or can order lateral flow kits [online](#). You may be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment if your child has a positive PCR test result and has to isolate. More details can be found [here](#).

We know this can be an anxious time for parents / carers, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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