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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 positive tests - Advice to Parents

This morning, we were advised of two further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Benhurst Primary School. We know you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and have informed the appropriate authorities. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

All three members of staff who tested positive work in our Reception bubble; this means that the children and staff in Reception who have been in direct prolonged contact with the individuals confirmed to have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to self-isolate for 14 days. **This means our Reception bubble must not return to school until Monday 9th November. This is 2 weeks after the reception children and staff were in close contact with latest member of staff to test positive.**

When self-isolating, it is essential that the children and staff do not leave the house unless for an emergency. Household members do not need to self-isolate as they themselves have not been in direct contact with the positive case.

After the half term break, Benhurst Primary School remains open for all other children, including the siblings of children in Reception. Please note, Reception children are not permitted to come onto school grounds during their period of isolation. From Monday 2nd November, the Reception children will be provided with remote learning via Google Classroom.



Displaying COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result

If your child displays symptoms or is tested positive for COVID-19, please immediately email myself and Mrs Hart immediately and include a contact mobile number.

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NHS link: Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

NHS link: Self-isolation and treating coronavirus symptoms

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

COVID testing sites in Havering

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20191/coronavirus_covid_19/811/covid_19_testing_sites

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

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

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this 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

I understand that the positive COVID-19 tests will cause some concern and potential disruption to your family. I sincerely apologise for this but we must follow the strict advice from Public Health and the Department for Education. We will continue to update you when we have new information.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher