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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Single Positive Case

This afternoon, we have been notified that there is a confirmed case 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.

The positive case is within the kitchen staff. This member of staff was last in school on Wednesday 6th January. We have established that the member of staff did not have any contact with pupils and therefore there is no need for any pupils to self - isolate. The kitchen staff will be self - isolating in line with current guidance as they were close contacts.

Benhurst Primary School continues to remain open for all vulnerable and critical worker children who have been allocated a place.

The notification of a positive test was received shortly before lunch service today. Whilst the kitchen staff who were working in school today are not symptomatic, we took the decision not to serve the food they had prepared today as an additional precaution. Pupils who ordered a school dinner today were provided with a sandwich, crisps, a piece of fruit and a biscuit in replacement of their school dinner. The food was prepared by members of the Senior Leadership Team and hygiene procedures were followed. You will not be charged for the children's school dinner today. If money has been deducted from your child's Squid account, this will be credited.

As the kitchen staff are now self - isolating, the kitchen will be staffed by a replacement team until the period of isolation is complete. The kitchen will be deep - cleaned overnight and will open as usual tomorrow.

I understand that the positive COVID-19 test will cause some concern however, please be assured we have followed advice and procedures in responding to this case.

Please let me know if you have any further questions (khart@benhurst.havering.sch.uk)

Take care and stay safe.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Hart
Head teacher