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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Single Positive Case - Year 4 Closure Notice

This morning, 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 and provide advice on how to support your child.

The positive case is within the Year 4 bubble; the children and staff in Year 4 who have been in direct prolonged contact with the staff member confirmed to have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to self-isolate for 10 days. **This means any pupil in our current Year 4 bubble must isolate up to and including Sunday 24th January. This is 10 days after the Year 4 children and staff were in close contact with the staff member who has tested positive.**

If your child was not in school last week but is due to return to school this week, a member of staff will contact you today.

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.

Benhurst Primary School remains open for all other children. The Year 4 bubble can access their remote learning via Google Classroom this week.

Can siblings still attend school?

Pupils in all other year groups, including the siblings of pupils who are isolating, can continue to attend school. We understand it may be a challenge for some parents to make the necessary arrangements to look after one child who is self-isolating whilst getting another child to school. Where it is not possible to safely bring siblings into school, we understand some children may be absent from school and will access their learning through Google Classroom.

Displaying COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result

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

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If your child receives a positive COVID test result outside of our school office hours (8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during term time), please report this via text message to the following number: 07729086539 stating your child's name and class, the date they were last in school, the date they became symptomatic, the date they were tested. This will enable us to respond to any cases outside of school hours in a timely manner. We will confirm we have received your message. Please do not use this number for any other purpose than reporting a positive Benhurst pupil case.

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 test 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,

Mrs K Hart
Head teacher