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Tuesday 13th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19: Year 3 Closure Notice

This morning, we have been informed of a positive lateral flow test result from a Year 3 pupil.

The pupil is awaiting results of a PCR test and we have been advised to isolate close contacts until the PCR result is received. **This currently means that pupils and staff in Year 3 must isolate until the result is received. Once the result is received, I will contact the parents of Year 3 children to advise next steps. If the PCR result is positive, the children and staff will need to continue isolating up to and including Thursday 22nd July and may return to school on Friday 23rd July. If the PCR result is negative, the children and staff may return to school immediately.**

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 3 bubble will be provided with remote learning from Wednesday 14th July via Google Classroom for the duration of their isolation. Please see your child's Google Classroom for further information.

Can siblings still attend school?

Pupils in all other year groups, including the siblings of pupils who are isolating, should 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. Learning will be added to Google Classroom to support these children.

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,

K. Hart

Mrs K Hart
Head teacher