

J/DR/SLT/DR/Ltrs/Prts/ComLI/MsM

15th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that 2 pupils and a staff member have tested positive for Covid-19. I can confirm that these are three separate cases and are not related. We are currently working with the School's COVID Team at Rochdale Council and have completed a thorough track and trace investigation to reduce the risk of infection to pupils and staff.

We have put clear systems in place around the building and as such, we are able to identify close contacts. A close contact is defined as someone who has been within two metres of the confirmed case for more than 15 minutes; or within one metre for one minute; or has had a face-to-face conversation within one metre. Our track and trace procedures have involved examining seating plans, checking proximity for every lesson and identifying potential contacts before and after school, and at break and lunchtime.

As a consequence of our investigations a relatively small number of pupils have been required to self-isolate.

If you have not been contacted by the school I can confirm that your child is **not** a contact. They do not need to self-isolate and should attend school as normal.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the symptoms of Covid-19. Please do not send your child into school if they have the following symptoms:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything; or things smell or taste different to normal.

If any member of your household displays the above symptoms, the entire household must self-isolate until the household member receives a negative test result. Please do not send your child to school if any of your household members have symptoms. In particular, parents must not send their children in to school if they have received a positive COVID test result.

This is a very challenging time and, as I have said previously, my prime concern is the health and safety of our pupils, their parents and carers, our staff and their families, whilst giving our pupils the learning and development opportunities. I will ensure that you remain updated of any further developments should they arise in the future.

Yours faithfully



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