29th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

In the interest of transparency, I am writing to inform you that a staff member within the school has tested positive for coronavirus. The staff member was last in school during school hours on Friday 25th September but only developed symptoms on Monday Morning. Due to swift action the member of staff was not in contact with any students but as a precaution four members of staff are being asked to isolate for 14 days. In line with advice from Public Health England, the school has been thoroughly sanitised and is safe to continue to be open as usual.

Whilst I understand that you may have concerns with regards to the above, I can assure you that the school will continue with social distancing measures and cleaning and hygiene arrangements will remain in place throughout the day so school will be open to students as normal.

For data protection reasons and out of respect we are not able to give you details of the member of our community who have tested positive.

Please remember that the threat of coronavirus is still real so if you or your child begin to show the coronavirus symptoms you must follow the national guidance [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you develop symptoms you must self-isolate at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. **Please inform the school of any positive results.**

Isolating is an act of selflessness. I know from personal experience that this can be a frustrating and anxious time. Please remember the families who are affected in your prayers.

Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s Head of Year if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this very challenging time.

Take Care and God Bless.

Mr T McCabe (Headteacher)