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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that a child/staff member within the school has tested positive for coronavirus. In line with advice from Public Health England, one of our classrooms will now be closed for a deep clean. Whilst I understand that you may have concerns with regards to the above, I can assure you that the setting will continue with social distancing measures and cleaning and hygiene arrangements will remain in place throughout the day.

If your child is within the relevant group where there has been a positive test result, you will already have been contacted to inform you of the next steps. If your child was a close contact or a proximity contact of the person who has tested positive, you will also already have been contacted. Those children outside of the group should continue to attend St Anne's as normal including siblings of those in the class affected.

At St Anne's, we will continue to remind children to frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly, use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it), we encourage parents to continue with these reminders.

If your child does become unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell (anosmia), please alert the setting and do not send your child into the setting. Follow the government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> and outlined below:

- Your child must stay at home for at least 10 days. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- For anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

If you or your child begins to show the above symptoms, we would also encourage you to follow the national 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 to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

As soon as you start having symptoms, you and anyone in your household must follow the

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please inform school of any positive test results.

Breakfast and After School Club

Unfortunately, due to staffing issues there will be no Breakfast or After School Club until after the half term holiday. The Breakfast and After School Club will reopen on Monday 2 November 2020 as normal. I do apologise as I know that this will be extremely inconvenient to parents.

#### The gate at the bottom of the school field

As of tomorrow, Friday 14 October 2020, the gate at the bottom of the hill will re-open. It will be opened from approximately 8:30am-9:10am and then again from 3:00pm till 5:45pm. I do ask that you are patient with us, especially at the end of the day as due to members of staff being absent from work, there may be a small delay. Please remember to socially distance if you are waiting for your children at the bottom of the hill.

#### Parents Week

Parents meetings for pupils in Reception and Year 6 will now take place the week commencing Monday 2 November 2020. You will still keep the same time slot.

#### Punctuality and the Main Office

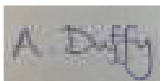
Each class has been given a designated 10-minute slot for drop off and pick up. I do ask that these slots are adhered to. A number of children are now arriving late at the main office meaning that Mrs Heath has to walk them to their appropriate bubble. At the moment, children are not walking down any school corridors and I do want to keep it that way. Please ensure your child is dropped off to school on time with their appropriate belongings i.e. lunchbox and water bottle. Please only visit the Main Office if it is essential-if your query can be asked over the phone then please do this.

#### Halloween Disco

Next Friday 23 October 2020 children are encouraged to dress up for Halloween! Each class will have a Halloween disco in their classes in the afternoon. Treats will be provided by school. I am asking for a £1 donation towards school fund for this.

I know that this will be a worrying and inconvenient time for you and your family. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

I thank you for your continued support and understanding.

A small, square image showing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Duffy".

Mrs Duffy

Headteacher