

Dear Parent/Carers

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### **Confirmation of a positive coronavirus case**

Over the weekend I have received further notification of positive cases in school.

All cases so far have predominately been members of the EYFS and KS1 school community. These areas are both now fully closed. These areas will be fully deep cleaned and are closed until the EYFS and KS1 children return.

We are confident that our risk assessment is robust, but are making further changes to tighten it further.

I want to reassure parents that staff are working tirelessly to limit the spread of infection and keep the school open.

The children's education has been significantly disrupted this year. We all feel very passionate about providing the children with a sense of normality where they receive an outstanding education in a happy and safe environment.

I want to thank parents for their continued support; following government guidance to keep themselves and the school community safe.

This letter is for your information, and there is nothing further you need to do.

As per government guidance, siblings of children isolating due to bubble closure can continue to attend school. We appreciate the difficulties that parents may have getting siblings to school and we are doing our best to help, however our capacity is limited. If you need help getting children to school:

- Contact [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org). We have started a walking bus in the local area and will try and collect siblings.
- Alternatively, we have staff positioned in the school car park/entrance who can take children into school for you if you need to drive your child to school, but unable to walk your child into school yourself. Please look for staff wearing high visibility jackets.

You and your family should continue to monitor for any new symptoms of coronavirus, which may include:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

- 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

Anybody can access a coronavirus test if they present any of the above symptoms.

In the unlikely event that you or your child, or anyone in the household, is tested positive for coronavirus at any stage over the next few months, please can we kindly ask that you let us know immediately by calling the school office or emailing [BR-admin@vennacadey.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacadey.org). We check this email address during the weekend.

These are challenging circumstances and we share your priority to keep children safe and well. We can assure you that we will continue to work hard to provide a safe place for all our children and staff, and value your support through this difficult time.

If you would like to discuss any concerns with a member of the team, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Levers - Head of School