

Dear Parent/Carers

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Confirmation of a positive coronavirus case

Over the last few days 4 members of our school community have tested positive for coronavirus (Covid-19).

Through discussion with Public Health we have closed EYFS (F1 Mrs Whitfield and F2 Mrs Binns) Y6 and Y1 Miss French's class. We have NOT closed the whole KS1 bubble as we are certain that the member of our school community has not had contact with the Y1/2 EHE and Y2 SHE class. We have cleaning services in school to deep clean areas.

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

Children in all years apart from EYFS, Y6 and the Y1AFR class can continue to attend school.

As per government guidance, siblings of children isolating due to bubble/year group 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 as much as we can, however our capacity is limited. If you need help getting children to school:

- Contact 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@vennacademy.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