

Dear Parents / Carers,

09 November 2020

Confirmation of a positive coronavirus case

This morning we text parents stating that children should attend school as normal. At this point we were not aware of any cases of Coronavirus. Once we were made aware we immediately contacted public health England who did not confirm until 2.30pm that the bubble would close.

To confirm, a member of our school has been tested and the results confirmed as positive for coronavirus (Covid-19).

In line with the current government guidance, all children and staff in that bubble/group now need to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days, as a precautionary measure.

As your child is in the Y5 bubble, the same bubble/group as the confirmed case, **your child must now remain at home for 14 days**. If your child develops symptoms and is taken for a test, please let the school know the result.

Guidance for self-isolation can be found using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>.

Please monitor for any symptoms of coronavirus which may include:

- High temperature – skin is hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure temperature)
- New, continuous cough – 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 normal)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – not able to 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 someone in your household is tested positive for coronavirus at any stage over the next few months, please can we kindly ask that you let us know as soon as possible by ringing the school office or emailing BR-admin@vennacademy.org

We look forward to staff and children of the Y5 bubble returning to school on **Thursday 19th November**. Please do not send your child into school if they have any of the coronavirus symptoms or feel unwell.

Staff will provide home learning for children who feel well enough to access it. Your child should start to complete the CGP books he/she came home with yesterday. Further details of home learning will follow.

These are challenging times, and we share your priority to keep children safe and well. We will continue to work hard to provide a safe place for all children and staff and we 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,

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School