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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you that a child or member of staff in school has tested positive for Covid-19 (Coronavirus). They are currently isolating along with other members of their household. This has affected the Early Years and Y1/2 Bubbles (Mrs McBride's and Miss Hogarth's classes).

Children and staff in these classes now need to isolate immediately for 14 days from the date that they were last in contact with the positive case on 9th November. This means that these children should isolate at home until Tuesday 24th November. No other household contacts need to isolate at this time. All siblings of these children plus pupils in all other classes should attend school as normal

Meanwhile, please look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child (a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell). If they develop any of these symptoms please inform the school and keep your child home.

If your child does develop symptoms:

If your child (or any other household members) develop symptoms, follow the 'Stay at home guidance' which can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

This link also provides information if you have a household where children and grandparents live together. In addition, there is an easy read version of the guidance available via the web link above.

Please arrange for them to get tested as soon as possible. Tests can be booked on the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website using the link here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested or a test can be arranged by telephoning NHS 119. Children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.

Please contact the school with any test results once you know them in order to agree a provisional date for your child and any siblings to return to school.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should start a 10 day isolation period (regardless of any days already spent isolating due to being a close contact). If your child is isolating and they test negative, continue with the agreed 14 day isolation period. At the end of the 14 day isolation period, your child can return to school (as long as they have not had a temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours).

Support during isolation:

If you feel your family may experience problems as a result of having to isolate (for example difficulty obtaining food or financial hardship), please use the following link to access information about Cumbria County Council's Ways to Welfare service: https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/welfare/default.asp

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Yours sincerely

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