**7/6/2020**

**Staff tested for Covid-19**

Dear parents,

A member of staff’s child has been unwell during the weekend and both the staff member and child have taken a Covid-19 test. They will receive test results later this week but the staff member will be away from school until a negative result is received. **This means that the Reception and Year 1 bubble will have only one member of staff.**

I am sending this message as an advisory, to allow you to have all the facts. Until a bubble receives a positive test, it remains open. I realise this may cause anxiety and I remind you that non-attendance will not be penalised at present.

Please find below the Government direction;

***What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?*** *When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. They can do this by visiting NHS.UK to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.  
Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.  
Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.  
As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England’s local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.*

Thank you and sorry to spoil your weekend but felt you should know.