



# Kirkby Church of England Primary School

“Building on a tradition of achievement and values in a caring environment”

14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Nursery children,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child's class bubble may have been in the proximity of the affected person. We do not believe that your child has been in close/direct contact with the confirmed case as defined by Public Health England.

Public Health England advise that close/direct contact is considered to be:

- being coughed on, or
- having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre, or
- having unprotected skin-to-skin physical contact, or
- travel in a small vehicle with the case, or
- any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case

However, the Governors and I have made the decision to follow the national guidance as we must take every step to ensure the safety of the children, staff and the school community. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, the children in the Nursery must self-isolate for 14 days. As the affected person has not been in school since Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, the isolation period will end on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 and so therefore the Nursery children will not be back in school until after half term (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

We will set work for the children during the isolation and your class teacher will be in touch to explain how the work can be accessed. If your child has difficulty in accessing the work please contact the school and we will make any necessary arrangements.

It is not recommended that you access a test unless your child begins to show symptoms, as even if the test comes back negative your child will still have to self-isolate for 14 days.

The rest of your household **does not have** to self-isolate (unless the child develops symptoms) and other family members can attend school as usual. If your child needs to access a test during this time, please inform school of the results.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to minimise the risk to your children and I thank you for all your support in following the new arrangements.

I would be grateful if parents/carers would refrain from using social media to discuss this matter as rumour and speculation can cause unnecessary upset and panic.

If you have any questions, contact the school and I will be happy to speak to you, or alternatively email me at [mair.hindmarsh@kirkbyce.co.uk](mailto:mair.hindmarsh@kirkbyce.co.uk)

Thank you again for your continued support in such challenging times.

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