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Dear Parent or Carer

A confirmed case of COVID-19 in our School - Year 4/5 – TOPAZ class

I'm sorry to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Salford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for all children and staff.

We have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance your child **must** stay at home and self-isolate until midnight on Monday 26th July.

Isolation means the person cannot go outside of the house (unless in your garden), other family members (outside your household) cannot visit and your child cannot see friends. If your child is well at the end of the 10 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities and attend school as normal.

Due to the current increase in the number of cases in Salford, Public Health are asking all staff and pupils who are identified as a contact of a positive case to have a PCR test during their 10 day isolation period, where appropriate. Household members of those isolating can also book a PCR test through this route.

We are asking contacts to get tested so we can identify any additional cases, including when people have no symptoms. This will help us to identify and isolate cases, prevent onward transmission and minimise our case rates in the city.

Please go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book this test. You will be asked to identify whether your child has COVID symptoms. If your child has no symptoms, you should select 'No' for this answer and proceed through the questions until they get to the question: **Why are you asking for a test?** You should select the box that says - **I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional** And then the option that states: **My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms** You can then proceed to book the test.

Please note, for some children and young people, testing will not be appropriate. This includes early years pupils or pupils who have additional needs that would make the completion of the test distressing and/or challenging. In addition, it's not appropriate to get a PCR test if a person has tested positive within the last 90 days unless they become unwell with symptoms, if so please arrange a PCR test via www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119 **However, please remember that even if your child's test result is negative, they must still isolate for the full 10 days.**

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period. This is because they are NOT contacts of the positive case. They are **contacts of contacts** of the case. Contacts of contacts do not need to self-isolate unless someone in their household develops symptoms or they come into contact with another case.

Even though your child is identified as a contact, please try not to worry. For most people COVID-19 is a mild illness. Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Further Public Health information is included in the [information sheet](#) below.

Although COVID-19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too; and it is important that these are not missed. Please contact your GP or NHS111 if you are worried; or call 999 if seriously unwell.

You are now able to book a COVID-19 test for your child/ren who attend our school if they feel unwell with 'non-classical' COVID-19 symptoms. While we know a lot of people are more likely to catch winter viruses at this time of year, in Salford we still want to rule out the possibility of COVID-19 and encourage primary and secondary age pupils to get tested.

Non-classical symptoms include:

- Vomiting/nausea/off your food
- Diarrhoea
- Sleeping more than usual/extreme tiredness
- Listless/restless/agitated
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling cold
- Headache
- Severe body aches
- Sore throat
- Congested or runny nose
- Skin rash
- Complaining of anything that is not feeling themselves

To book a test please visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test and, when prompted, click the box "My local council has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms"

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, or you can contact The Spirit of Salford Helpline on 0800 952 1000

You may be eligible for financial support if you have to take time off work to care for your child while they are self-isolating. <https://www.salford.gov.uk/benefits/test-and-trace-support-payments/my-child-is-having-to-isolate/>

Please note: You will not be able to make an application for a payment from the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme without this letter.

Best wishes,



Mr M Thompson
Headteacher