



Westlands Primary School

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VTP/ELB/Positive Covid19 Case/Year R/November 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning (08/11/2020) we have been made aware of another member of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19.

The children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter this morning informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well and are not in Titanium class, Quartz class or any of the Reception (Year R) classes.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and as you are aware we closed a class in Years 4 and 6 yesterday, and today we are having to close the whole of Year R. We wanted to explain why we are closing the whole of the year group rather than just a class in Year R as we are aware many of you are questioning this.

We have spoken to the DfE and when we report a case we are asked many questions and they carry out a Risk Assessment with us. One of the questions is to do with the year group and key stage of the children and the advice for key stages is different as children the age of 4 cannot socially distance the way older children can.

In KS2 children have a seating plan with their own resources and do not move from these seats. In EYFS (Year R), as you know, the provision is set up very differently and the children mix throughout the whole school day. Children of this age cannot sit at a desk for a sustained period of time and it would be wrong to make them. With this in mind and the mixing across the year group of the adults and children, it has been decided that the whole year group will self-isolate for the 14-day period.

Every case is assessed as its own case and a decision is made depending on the circumstances.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are asking parents to wear a mask when on school site, remain 2m apart from others and only have one family member dropping off or collecting children.

We do appreciate that this is a very worrying time for everybody, but please rest assured that we will continue to work with the DfE and Public Health to seek advice to ensure you, your children and our staff are all kept safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mirams
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School