



24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**COVID 19 – Year 4**

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your patience, understanding and support following the news that a number of Year 4 have to isolate. The information relating to a positive test was not received until after 5:00 p.m., hence the timing of the email and text. Had we received it earlier in the day we would have notified parents before or as children were being collected.

When positive cases arise school has to contact Wirral Council and Public Health and carry out a risk assessment. Schools have then to follow their direction in terms of classes, children and staff having to isolate. This includes working out exactly who has been in contact with the source, the length of time spent with them, where exactly they were learning in class and the distance involved in any interaction with the positive case. Not all children were close enough or long enough with the positive case hence the reason why all children do not need to isolate.

I know that you will appreciate that the decision to send any children home to isolate is not taken lightly. After such a long break from school (1<sup>st</sup> lockdown) it is important that we have the children in school. Whilst learning in school is a key priority we need to minimise the impact of any positive test on as many children so as to keep them safe and well. For those not in school, remote learning will be set up and we advise that you follow the COVID 19 link on the school website.

Once again I would like to apologise for the upset this has caused and the subsequent arrangements parents and carers have to make to ensure there is child care and as well as informing places of employment.

Should your child develop and show any symptoms you will need to arrange a COVID 19 test. We ask that should this be the case that you inform school, letting us know of the subsequent result or outcome.

The current isolation period is 14 days since the last contact with the source. This means that we will welcome those Year 4, who are self-isolating, back into school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

In the meantime, siblings who do not show symptoms should still be in school. The pupils are to be brought to school in at 9:30 a.m. and collected at 2:45 p.m. This will help parents who need to bring children who are isolating with them.

**With kind regards,**

B McGregor  
Headteacher