

Monday 4th October 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Confirmed case of Covid-19 in Year 4**

I am writing to inform you that a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) has been reported to school today for a Year 4 child. The child tested positive on a lateral flow test and is awaiting the result of a confirmatory PCR test. This child is now self-isolating.

In line with current government and public health guidance, the Year 4 class remains open. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

#### **What does this mean for my child?**

The guidance has changed:

- Bubbles in school no longer need to close following a confirmed case within a class.
- Close contacts of positive Covid cases no longer need to self-isolate if they are double vaccinated or below 18 years and 6 months of age.
- **This means that your Year 4 child can continue to attend school as normal, providing they stay well.**
- **However, we would strongly advise Year 4 parents/carers to arrange a PCR test for their child and be vigilant in monitoring their child for any Covid symptoms, however mild.**

#### **How do I arrange a PCR test for my child?**

You can arrange for your child to have a PCR test whether or not they have symptoms by following this link: [Ask for a coronavirus test](#). Alternatively, you can call 119. If your child has no symptoms, they can continue to attend school whilst awaiting their PCR result.

Please inform us straight away of a positive test result by emailing [sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk) or telephoning the school on 020 8858 3572. The school email address is monitored outside of school hours.

#### **What are the symptoms of Covid-19?**

The [Main symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to sense of smell or taste** - this means you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

#### **What should I do if my child develops one or more symptoms of COVID-19?**

If your child has **any one** of the above Covid symptoms, however mild, they should stay at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appear and arrange a PCR test.

- Follow this link to arrange a PCR test: [Ask for a coronavirus test](#) or call 119.

- Please note that, in our experience, results from a test taken at a walk-in or drive-through test site are returned more quickly than those from a postal test.
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More information can be found here: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

### **What can I do if I'm concerned?**

Whilst we know that parents/carers may find this worrying, we will work closely with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Public Health England to monitor the situation. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office [sao@meridian.greenwich.uk](mailto:sao@meridian.greenwich.uk).

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

With my very best wishes,  
Jo  
Jo Graham - Headteacher