



Thursday 22nd October 2020

Dear parents of year R, 1 and 2 pupils at Kingswood,

As you will now be aware we have a positive case of Covid 19, in the year 5/6 class. It is a pupil that has been affected.

This information was received via email yesterday at 21.11. Obviously I was at home and so saw the email about 21.30. Together with Mrs Sanchez I had a number of decisions to make. The first of which was to follow the guidance and close the bubble in which the child has been learning. Messages to parents of the classes affected were sent out after 10pm last night as staff had to be informed first.

I apologise that I didn't contact Key Stage 1 parents last night, however as your children can continue to attend school, I did not want to cause undue alarm by texting very late.

All of the guidance, both from the Department of Education and the documents I have sent out regularly to you as parents, state that only children who have been in direct contact with the person testing positively have to self-isolate. This means that ONLY children in Key Stage 2 and those attending Dawn Raiders have to isolate.

One of the reasons why we work in bubbles is so that children only mix with others in their bubble, cutting down the number of people that will need to self-isolate. This will mean for some families that the child in Birch or Oak Class and/or Dawn Raiders has to be isolated and the rest of the family can continue to attend work or school, assuming you have childcare in place.

Therefore unless your child in years R, 1 and 2 develops symptoms they can continue to attend school. For pupils who attend Dawn Raiders we have taken the decision to ask them to self-isolate too as an additional precaution as they do share the same space during this session before school.

If your child attends Dawn Raiders and has been asked to self-isolate this does mean that they should stay at home for the next 14 days and will not be able to attend school until Thursday 5th November. In accordance with our remote education policy work will be emailed home for these children. Live teaching is not possible as the teachers will be teaching a full timetable to the rest of the class. Work will only be sent to those children who attend Dawn Raiders, as guidance states all other children in years R, 1 and 2 can attend school as normal. If you feel that there is a medical reason why your child cannot attend school please contact the school office.

I understand that having a positive case within school will have caused anxiety for you as parents as well as for the staff. I am following all guidance and make sure I am up to date daily with any changes to policy, the safety of the pupils and staff in school is my first priority and I for one had very little sleep last night. However I know we have been doing all we can in school to adhere to the guidance and will obviously continue to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times, if I can be of any support or assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ehickling@aspirekent.org.uk

Kind regards,

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