

Seely Primary & Nursery School

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18.7.20

Dear parents/carers,

We're writing to let you know that there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 with a member of staff at the school. We wanted to reassure you about the additional steps we're now taking to make sure our community remains safe.

The member of staff had not been in school for 9 days when they had their test results confirmed late last night. They felt unwell on Thursday 9th July and went straight home to isolate.

We have been in touch with the Local Authority and we're following their advice closely.

Due to our bubble system it only has implications for our Foundation Stage bubbles and those parents have been contacted to keep their children at home this week.

They have told us to:

- Contact parents of the foundation bubbles to keep their children at home. There is no need for other family members to isolate unless the child, or someone else in their family shows any symptoms. Siblings can come to school.
- To isolate the rooms and dining hall where the member of staff has been
- To clean and disinfect surfaces and objects across the school thoroughly to help prevent any viruses spreading, as we have been instructed to
- To contact all parents in school that there has been one single case in school
- To determine if any other adults have been in close contact with the staff member for more than 15 minutes within 2 meters of them.
- To continue to enforce good hand-washing and provide hand sanitisers and wipes in each classroom
- To reassure children remaining in school

As the member of staff has not been in school for over a week and no staff have had any symptoms we are confident that the risk to your children, yourselves and our staff is low. However, we are cleaning the affected rooms according to our guidance.

Public Health England will be in touch with us on Monday, if not before. We will act on their advice immediately if they require us to do anything further and notify you if there are any changes or additions to the advice that we have already received. Public Health England will also be in touch with anyone who has had close contact with the confirmed case to let them know what the next steps are.

This may well attract some media coverage so we are putting together a press statement, in conjunction with the Local Authority

As a reminder: if you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow [guidance to stay at home](#):

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature

➤ Loss of taste and smell

If your child is sick or needs to self-isolate, report this to us by telephoning the school immediately on 0115 9153780 or via email at admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk

You can use [NHS 111 online](#) if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next. If you have any other questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school to inform us.

We appreciate that you may be concerned, but we have no current reason to expect any risk to your child. You need to keep them home simply as a precaution for the 14 day period which ends this Thursday. Children from these bubbles will be allowed back on Friday. The remainder of the bubbles in school will run as normal.

You can contact us on the year group emails that you have and are on our website, or by telephone and either a head teacher or a deputy will contact you to discuss any concerns.

We'll continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves.

Many thanks for your understanding

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton