

EBE/srg

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our letter on Friday, I would like to share some limited details with you which hopefully will reassure many of you feeling anxious right now.

Can I firstly thank the members of our parent community who emailed me to ask how the person was and wishing them a speedy recovery. That demonstrates our core value of compassion and we are very grateful for parents reflecting this value too. The individual is doing well and remains in isolation at home, until the recommended period ends.

I feel it would help to share with you that the individual is a member of staff who, after a thorough review of their activity in school, has been identified as having had limited contact with other staff and students. There will only be 6 children needing to isolate based on instruction from Public Health England. It may not always be possible to give you these types of details as we have to respect the confidentiality of the individual and we need to safeguard our community effectively. However, I hope this information will put many of your minds at rest.

It is so important that moving forward, we continue to work together positively. I know how many of you took the time to write about the excellent support the school gave your children during the national lockdown. Please do keep the faith in us. We know what we need to do in any eventuality and are held to account not only by Public Health England and the Department for Education but the local county council and our governing body which has parent representation. We will always err on the side of caution with our reactions to keep the risk to a minimum.

A couple of parents have written to ask that we review our policy on masks. The government guidance is still not recommending children wear masks in school unless we are in a local lockdown. However, we have a governor Health and Safety meeting this week and we will discuss this issue then. I will update parents accordingly following this meeting.

I hope you continue to enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing your children on Monday.

Best wishes,  
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