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Dear Parent/Carer,

Confirmation of a positive coronavirus case **Reception**

We're writing to let you know that a direct contact of your child, in our Reception Bubble, has tested positive for Covid-19. We have reported this through the schools notification system and are following the published Public Health England and our Local Health Protection Team advice closely.

What action you need to take

In line with Local Health Protection Team advice, your child in our Reception class should self-isolate for 14 days from their last contact, until the 23.12.20.

Full guidance around self-isolation can be found using the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

You should continue to monitor your child for any new symptoms of coronavirus, which may include:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Children who have been attending school can access a coronavirus test if they present any of the above symptoms. To access testing, parents are able to use <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or call 119 if you do not have Internet access.

In the event that your child is tested and returns a positive test result for coronavirus, please let us know as soon as possible.

Returning to school

We look forward to welcoming your child back on the **5/1/21**, however, please do not send them into school on this date if they present any of the above-mentioned symptoms or feel unwell.

We will continue to provide access to learning using Tapestry for your child whilst they are at home, so that they continue their learning if they feel well enough to do so. A letter with information on this will be sent shortly.

I appreciate that these are challenging circumstances and we share your priority to keep children safe and well. We will continue to work hard to provide a safe place for all our children and staff, and value your support through this difficult time.

We are on hand at school if you would like to discuss any concerns with them, please do feel free to contact us by calling the office or emailing me on head@halsnead.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Miss Taylor