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Dear Parent/Carer,

Positive coronavirus case – precautionary letter

1K Mrs Kendall

We're writing to let you know that a member of our school community in Mrs Kendall's has tested positive for Covid-19. As per our procedures, that individual has not been in school from the time that they began to display symptoms.

We have worked with the Department for Education, alongside advice received from our Local Health Protection Team and Public Health England to establish the direct and close contacts of the positive case, and those members of the school community have received separate letters advising them to self-isolate as a consequence.

For the avoidance of doubt, if your child is not in Mrs Kendall's class then they have not been identified as a direct or close contact of the positive case and can attend school.

As we are managing a situation involving a single case, the national and local guidance does not recommend the closure of any other class. We are therefore writing to confirm that unless your child is in Mrs Kendall's class your child's class will continue to operate as planned.

Our regular cleaning and sanitising of spaces around school is to reduce the risk of transmission of Coronavirus. This has been further enhanced in the case of the spaces used by this individual since the case was identified.

What action you need to take

At this stage, we confirm there is no additional action you need to take. We do continue to stress the importance of **remaining vigilant** and monitoring for potential symptoms of coronavirus, which may include:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- 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 and staff who have been attending school can access a coronavirus test if they present any of the above symptoms. To access testing, you will be able to use <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or call 119 if you do not have access to the internet. Should symptoms develop, please do not come into school, instead contact the school to inform us and we will provide further support/advice.

I appreciate that these are challenging circumstances and we share your priority to keep our school community 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.

If you would like to discuss any concerns, please do feel free to contact us by calling the office or emailing me on head@halsnead.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Helen Taylor