ROWAN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware from previous letters, there have been four cases of Covid-19 recently at our RGW site. Following two further positive test results notified to us today on the RGW site we have sought advice from Public Health England (PHE). This means that we have made the difficult decision to ask for all staff and pupils on the RGW site not to attend in order to prevent further transmission. School will close at the end of the school day today (Friday 20 November) until Monday 7 December.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The small number of children and staff who have been in close contact with the individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have already been notified and informed that they must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.

The **Rowan Gate East site and the satellite class at Tennyson Road Infant School** remain open and your child should continue to attend these sites as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19
If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-

stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronaviruscovid-19-infection

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

· a new continuous cough

· a high temperature

· a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirussymptoms/.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill

with COVID-19

Do

· wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds

· use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available

· wash your hands as soon as you get home

· cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you

cough or sneeze

· put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher