

# Water Primary School

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**Headteacher: Mr C Willan**

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Life at Water and many other schools in the country has been somewhat difficult over the last few weeks due to events out of our control. The children have, however been utterly brilliant and wonderful. Their behaviour and attitudes to learning and school has been exemplary. They have certainly made the school day easier and, have in fact, given us all much to smile about.

The last few days have been extremely challenging and I would like to give a brief overview of the events. Unfortunately **on Monday** at around 3pm, we became aware of a positive Covid test result for one of our teachers. This teacher was not in school during the Friday but was present on the Thursday. On advice from the Department of Education, we did not close any year group bubbles. There was insufficient evidence or need for this, due to social distancing measures and the lapse in time of being infectious. Please note that this particular staff member was not teaching in any of the classes which have subsequently closed. All cases are unrelated to each other.

**On Wednesday**, two members of the Year 6 teaching staff became unwell with symptoms of Covid19, both staff members went for a test yesterday. We are awaiting the results of these. Without the confirmation of the test result, I decided to close the Year 6 bubble, this is not correct procedure. You must wait until a case has been confirmed. I spoke with Tracy Cuthbertson (Chair of Governors) and we decided that this was the correct course of action for our school. We know our school and staff better than others. I was 99% sure that this result would come back positive and with this knowledge I was not comfortable in sending children into that classroom the next day. I telephoned each parent and informed them of the situation and closure. Every parent was understanding and supportive. I will confirm the number of days of isolation, once we have news of the test result. We are still currently awaiting this news. Home Learning is ready and prepared for each child.

**On Thursday morning**, I was made aware of another positive Covid result in a different year group and a different member of staff. Unfortunately, we did not have time to message parents. We received this information at 8.35am. We had to inform parents at the gate. Not ideal, but again parents were extremely understanding and I thank them all for this patience and support. It has now been confirmed that the children in Hazel Class will need to isolate until Tuesday of next week. The staff member in question has been away from school for a number of days. Hence the extra days required. All infected areas have now been deep cleaned.

I hope this summary of events helps you understand the challenges the school is currently facing at present. I am also very aware of how difficult this is for parents and carers. Balancing home learning and home working is very difficult and I can only apologise for this current situation. We are trying very hard to make this as easy as possible for you. The home learning is detailed and adaptable. Hopefully, it will keep your child busy and negate some of the lost learning, which inevitably will happen. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents, who have shown genuine care and concern for those affected by this awful virus. This illness is real and the symptoms can be very distressing and painful. Thankfully they are recovering well and looking forward to returning to school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Willan  
Headteacher



