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Dear Parents/Carers

Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Parkway Centre

I regret to inform you that we have today received a positive COVID test result for a pupil and have been advised this afternoon by Public Health England Education Department to close the Parkway bubble.

This means that your child needs to self-isolate until **Thursday 10th December 2020 in the first instance** (this date is subject to change if we receive any further positive results in the next 48 hours).

In accordance with guidance, other household members do not need to self-isolate unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

If your child did not return to school on Wednesday 25th November, when Parkway reopened, they **do not** need to self-isolate. Louise Thomas will clarify the schooling arrangements for your child ASAP.

Please may I remind you of the most common symptoms of COVID-19; these are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. Please also inform us by emailing Louise Thomas at thomasl@jamesbrindley.org.uk. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Can I please also draw your attention to the guidance from the DfE below.

DfE Guidance for full opening: Schools, Updated 22nd October 2020

'If someone who is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.'

Even if your child receives a negative COVID result, they are still expected to complete their 14-day isolation period at home.

Upon reopening, if your child needs to be tested for coronavirus (Covid-19) they must not return to school, even if they feel better, until a negative test result has been received; this is in line with Government guidance - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>:

A negative result means the test did not find coronavirus.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

It is our intention for most lessons to be delivered live from Monday 30th November 2020. Louise Thomas, Centre Leader, will send further communication to you today about the plans for the forthcoming week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep everyone within our school community safe.

Yours faithfully



Tosin Gabriel
Vice Principal – Head of Parkway, Northfield and Dovedale Centres

