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Advice to all Parents/Carers - Confirmed Cases

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been advised that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health Dorset and BCP Council. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

All close contacts of the confirmed cases have been identified and asked to follow the national guidance. Unless you have been specifically notified that your child is a close contact, you do not need to take any further action at this stage.

The school remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep you informed should anything change.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate your child and book a test, even if your child has already taken a test. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of test and/or smell.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided you do not develop symptoms or test positive.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test for your child if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

Further guidance on COVID-19 and what you need to do can be found at <u>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>

Yours sincerely

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