



8th September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

A confirmed case of Covid19 at Whitegate End

A member of our staff-Mr Scott has tested positive for Covid-19. We are working closely with Oldham's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

I spoke with Public Health earlier today and have shared with them our procedures and the amount and type of contact Mr Scott has had, and with whom.

As a result of conversations with Public Health they have identified that all Year 6 pupils have been in close contact with him last week and **must** self-isolate for 14 days. Only the Year 6 pupils need to self-isolate, other members of the Year 6 household do not need to self-isolate this includes siblings of Year 6. They can still attend school and do not need to isolate. If your child develops symptoms, please book a test for them.

Year 6 pupils will return to school on **Friday 18th September**.

For primary schools or settings, a contact is any child or adult within their bubble. To **clarify a contact**, is a child or adult who has been within 2 metres of the confirmed case **for more than 15 minutes**, or within **1 metre for 1 minute**, or **who has been face to face during social time**, or **who in close contact on designated school transport**.

We have provided this information to Public Health using our management information records, timetables, seating plans and staff observation of pupils.

If your child is not in Year 6 they do not need to self-isolate.

Here are some of the actions we are currently undertaking:

- A text has been sent to ensure pupils and parents reactivate their seesaw code.
- Work will be uploaded on here for the Year 6 class for each day.
- If your child develops any of the symptoms listed below, please book them a test and inform us of the results.
- We will continue with our system of additional cleaning of key touch points throughout the day.
- The classroom will be deep cleaned.
- School will continue to follow advice from Public Health England with regards to pupils and adults working in school.
- Staff will continue to remind pupils about distancing and ensure regular hand washing and sanitising.
- Please help us by reminding your child about distancing and good hygiene.

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It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 and only well child attend school or childcare settings.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here,

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If your child is identified as a contact, please try not to worry. For most people Covid19 is a mild illness.

If you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell please contact NHS 111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website,

www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can contact me by e-mailing

info@whitegateend.oldham.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs J Conway

CC: Katrina Stephens, Director of Public Health, Oldham Council.

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