



Dear Parents/Carers,

10 September 2020

Information Update – Covid-19

This morning the school received confirmation that a member of the school community has tested positive for COVID-19. Please be aware, this letter is for information only and there is no reason for your child to self-isolate unless you have been informed to in writing. As a precautionary measure and following advice from Public Health England North West, we have contacted all relevant parent's/carers students who may have been in close contact.

Due to the "bubble" process operating within Pleckgate High School, your child is unlikely to have come into contact with either pupil ("contact" for these purposes is defined as a person who has been within a 2 metre proximity of someone who has tested positive at any time from 48 hours before onset of symptoms). The school have adhered to all the guidelines from Public Health England and Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority and are following the robust risk assessment that is in place and your child can continue to attend school.

As always, should your child or anyone within your household develop any Covid19 symptoms which include:

- a temperature of 37.8°C or above
- a new continuous cough
- a change to or loss of sense of taste/smell

You should not send your child to school, but must self-isolate immediately and arrange for a test.

Full information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

To help prevent the spread of Covid19, please continue to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 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
- clean objects and surfaces you touch often (such as door handles, kettles and phones) using your regular cleaning products
- wear a face covering when in shared spaces
- keep windows open in the room you're staying in and shared spaces as much as possible

Full information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-to-avoid-spreading-coronavirus-to-people-you-live-with/>

I know this may be unsettling, but please rest assured that the systems and processes in place at the school have worked exactly as planned, ensuring the school remains a safe place to attend.

The school will keep you updated with any further relevant information.

Kind regards

Mr M Cocker - Headteacher