

12 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **A confirmed case of Covid19 in our School/Setting**

A member of our Reception bubble has tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Oldham's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

If your child has been within the Reception bubble we will have contacted you by telephone to discuss the next steps. Any contact **must** self-isolate for 14 days. Only the contact needs to self-isolate, other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate. **The children and staff in the Reception bubble will return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

**For primary schools or settings, a contact is any child or adult within their bubble. If your child has not been identified as a contact they do not need to self-isolate.**

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/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

We will be taking the appropriate action to clean the affected areas across the school/setting.

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](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or you can contact the school on 0161 770 8404 or email [info@st-lukes.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-lukes.oldham.sch.uk)

Best wishes



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