

Shaw Wood Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

Confirmed Covid-19 case in school

I am sorry to have to inform you that we have received confirmation of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school. Although all possible steps are taken in school to distance the children and to maintain the best possible standards of hygiene, we cannot be absolutely confident that we have been able to prevent the spread within an individual bubble and **Hedgehogs class are therefore required to remain at home and self-isolate.**

The period of isolation required is 14 days from the date that the pupils were last in contact with the positive case. **As long as there are no further reports of infection**, we plan to open Hedgehogs class on Monday 23rd November. You have been sent information about home-learning and we ask that you support them to complete this during the time they are required to self-isolate.

All other classes will remain open for all children, including siblings of the children in the affected class. We ask that parents be especially vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 as shown below:

- A new and continuous cough or;
- A high temperature or;
- Loss of, or change in, a normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they must not come to school and should remain home for at least 10 days from the date the symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for testing and parents should arrange this through the government website: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. If your child does not develop symptoms there is no need to have them tested. Other members of your household do not need to isolate.

If there is a positive case in your family, all other members of the household must also stay at home and not leave the house for fourteen days from the day when the first person developed symptoms.

Further stay at home guidance is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

I cannot stress strongly enough how sorry we are, we understand how difficult this situation is for families, particularly as the notice we are able to give is so short. We hope that, by rigorously following the guidance above, families will support all the community to stay safe.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Jo Campbell
Executive Headteacher



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