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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Positive COVID-19 cases

In light of recent confirmed COVID-19 cases, we want to explain the procedures that we go through to determine which children/staff need to self isolate. At South Borough, we follow the most up to date Government guidelines to responding to a positive case. Please see below an outline of the process and precautions we take, which we hope will provide some reassurance to parents and carers.

1. South Borough will take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus.
2. We contact the dedicated service introduced by Public Health England and speak to a team of advisers about next steps.
3. The advice service will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
4. The time when people who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) are infectious to others is from 2 days before the onset of symptoms to 10 days afterwards (or from 2 days prior to the date of their test to 10 days afterwards if they have had no symptoms).
5. Only people who came into contact with an individual who has had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) during this time need to be advised to self-isolate. This may mean that only some classes or individuals within a bubble are asked to self-isolate and not necessarily the whole bubble.
6. Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

The course of action will depend largely on who has tested positive and which individuals have come into close contact with that person. The name of the person who has tested positive will be kept confidential. We understand that this is an incredibly challenging and uncertain time for all of us and thank you all for your ongoing support.

### Self Isolating Classes

At the moment, there are a number of classes across the school who have been asked to self isolate. This is not a course of action that any school leader takes lightly. Please remember that work is accessible via your child's Google Classroom and teachers are available via this platform to give feedback and answer any queries. We simply cannot wait to welcome classes back to school. Please see below an outline of when classes are to return to school.

Class/Year Group	Return to school date
Years 5 and 6	Monday 23rd November
4N,2W	Monday 30th November

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### COVID-19 Measures

We would once again like to remind parents of all of the COVID-19 measures that we have in place in schools. Please follow this link to a letter outlining this information: [South Borough COVID-19 Measures](#)

### Parent Consultations

Earlier this week, you received a letter to outline arrangements for Parent Consultations. Please remember to book your slot by following the instructions in this [letter](#).

### Hot Dinners

This week, we have reintroduced hot dinners across the school very successfully. The meals are absolutely delicious and full of flavour. Please do remember that children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal. We would encourage as many families as possible to take up this offer as a hot meal, especially at this time of year, as it does a huge amount for a child's wellbeing. Thank you to the fabulous kitchen and lunch time staff for a very successful first week.

Stay safe and well everybody!

Thank you for your continued support.

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