



ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

7th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I wrote to you yesterday regarding the first positive case of COVID 19 in Abbey Park School. Following this communication there have been a number of questions from parents which I would like to address.

Yesterday I was in contact with the DofE, the local public health team for this region and Swindon Borough Council. We have followed the advice, instructions and guidance from Public Health England. The positive coronavirus test result was from a member of the teaching staff and we spent a great deal of time identifying which pupils and staff members should be counted as close contacts, based on that member of staff's interactions over a period of two days.

The agreed action was to notify the parents of 36 Yr8 pupils who may have been a close contacts on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October, to isolate for 14 days and to ask 8 members of staff to isolate for 14 days as a precautionary measure.

I understand this is a difficult and worrying time for all in our community but I would like to reassure you that we have been cautious and thorough in the approach agreed with health professionals. Remote learning for these pupils is being organised and will be on Show My Homework. All other pupils should attend school as normal to continue their education.

Finally, I would like to add that the external agencies we have been working with were very positive about the procedures and precautions we have been taking as a school. We will be taking this opportunity to remind all staff and pupils of the importance of continuing to follow the regime we have put in place, as it is clear these arrangements have worked to reduce the impact on this particular occasion.

I hope this answers the questions that would naturally occur to you as parents at this particular time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Young



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