

Dear Year R Parents and Carers,

This afternoon we have been informed that a member of staff working in Year R has tested positive for Coronavirus. The member of staff concerned is thankfully only experiencing very mild symptoms and we are very hopeful that they will soon make a full recovery.

This situation has resulted in some other members of staff and some children having to isolate for 10 days as a precautionary measure. If your child has been coming into school as part of the Critical Worker provision, and they are a contact of this member of staff, **then we have already spoken with you today**. This means that unless you have spoken with either myself or Mrs Ainsworth regarding this situation today, then there is no need for your child to isolate.

This does regrettably mean we need to close **both our Year R Critical Worker bubbles for the remainder of this week**. We are very sorry for the inconvenience this will no doubt cause to some of our families. We are however responding as quickly and appropriately as we can to the situation. It is essential for the safety of everyone concerned that we take these precautions.

There is also a very important part of this situation which affects all Year R families. Unfortunately, the isolation period affecting some members of staff and children does not end until midnight on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This means we are regrettably in the situation where remote (home) learning will need to continue for all Year R children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. **School will however, reopen for all Year R children one day later on Tuesday 9th March.**

We know that many of you will be disappointed and frustrated at this news. We are certain though that it is very important that the children are reunited with their amazing teachers and support staff in the Year R team, rather than their first day back being with unfamiliar supply teachers – which would be what we would need to do were we to come back on the Monday.

The Year R team will of course continue to provide remote learning through Tapestry over the coming days and we very much hope that these precautionary measures will enable the children to get off to a flying restart on Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing you all again then.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued understanding and support during these difficult times.

Kind regards,

Chris Reilly

