

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Update from school

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that on Monday we had to confirm the closure of the Y2 bubble due to a positive COVID -19 test for a member of staff over the weekend. We also required that 2 office staff work from home. We are confident that the member of staff in Year 2 and the office staff cases are NOT connected and are an unfortunate coincidence.

As we are all aware from the national picture, the instances of positive testing are increasing. I need to let you know that I have today received confirmation of a positive COVID test myself. I continue to be working at home, and we have a very good team in place at school. There is regular communication between the leaders in school and myself, as well as support from leaders in DSAT and so we do not anticipate any impact with regard to the smooth running of the school. I can confirm that all safety procedures have been followed and I have not been in close contact with other bubbles during the time prior to my confirmed test.

Given the changes to track and trace, it is reasonable to expect that there may be situations where staff members are required to isolate, not because they have any symptoms, but because of external track and trace, or because of close contact with a family member in their household who has developed symptoms. We have this situation in Reception class, where a member of the staff in this bubble has been contacted this morning and been informed that they need to self-isolate. The member of staff is well but cannot be in school at the moment due to the need to follow the guidance for isolation so that we can keep everyone safe. The children need to attend school as normal and the member of staff will continue to deliver some sessions herself, via 'zoom', supported by the staff who continue to be working as normal in their bubble.

I would like to reassure you that we have notified the appropriate Public Health teams, the Local Authority and DSAT and currently, these instances DO NOT pose any additional risk to children in other bubbles. We continue to follow the same rigorous procedures that we have been doing all term and children should continue to attend school as normal. All of the cases are related to staff and not pupils.

We would like to request that if you need to contact the office, you please do this via e mail to [enquiries@cpa.dsat.education](mailto:enquiries@cpa.dsat.education) as these can be picked up at any time of the day.

The office will be staffed in the mornings. Phone messages left in the afternoon will be picked up as soon as possible.

Thank you for continuing to work with us and to ensure that children are still regularly attending school and making the most of their learning.

Mrs Navas



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