

# Beechwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware yesterday, we were advised by Public Health England that we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We worked very closely with Public Health England (PHE) all day and every decision made and every action taken was a result of the directives we received from them.

Following on from yesterday's letter I just wanted to confirm a couple of details.

- The confirmed case was a child in Year 4
- The Year 4 child and their family are self isolating at home
- The whole of Year 4 including Year 4 teachers and teaching assistants were sent home to self isolate as a precautionary measure.
- Children in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 have not had contact with the children in Year 4 in school. The children are kept in their own year group bubbles in school. One year group bubble does not mix with another year group bubble.
- Siblings of Year 4 children are still permitted to be in school as they are classed as 'contacts of contacts.' Only children and staff who have had the potential to be in contact with the confirmed case have needed to self isolate.
- The advice from PHE currently remains the same regarding children wearing face masks in school; 'Based on current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting in place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom, even where social distancing is not possible. Face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided. Primary school children will not need to wear a face covering.' There are also issue regarding children putting them on and taking them off safely, safe storage, and increased frequency of children touching their faces could pose more risk.

If you have a child in Year 4 and a sibling in another part of the school, and are having difficulty getting your child to school due to having your Year 4 self isolating, please do let us know.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S E Hunter".

Miss S E Hunter  
Headteacher

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