

Letter to RM parents

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, we have had notification of a positive COVID-19 test within Class RM. I am informing you that I have consulted with Public Health England and the DfE to ensure that we are taking the right actions to keep our school family in good health.

They have advised that **ALL** children and staff in class RM should self-isolate for 14 days. This means we look forward to welcoming your children back on 20.10.20. The advice from Public Health England is that children will need to be tested if they develop any of the symptoms as listed on the DfE and NHS websites:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to school. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

School Lunches:

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we will provide a packed lunch daily. This can be collected at 11am from the main gate on Trinity Road.

Home Learning:

In the first instance you will be able to collect a paper pack to support your child with learning at home. There will be more information about remote learning to follow. **Please collect any paper packs that you require at 11am from the main gate on Trinity Road on 07.10.20**



Staff and leaders across school are working tirelessly to ensure that we are following all of the guidance being issued. I appreciate that this is a very worrying and challenging time for the whole Birchfield family and thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Thewlis