

Letter to all parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I thank a large number of you for the positive feedback and support that many of you have offered us since we returned to school. This is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to us all.

Unfortunately, we have had notification of a positive COVID-19 test within Year 3. I am informing you that I have consulted with Public Health England to ensure that we are taking the right actions to keep our school family in good health.

The advice that Public Health have given is outlined below:

Only staff and children within the specific year group need to self-isolate

Siblings of children in Y3 are advised to return to school from tomorrow – 22.09.20

Children in other year groups are advised to remain in school

As per the guidance from Public Health England, 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

We will continue with the thorough cleaning schedule that we have in place and will ensure that a further deep clean of school takes place this evening.

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