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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Planning for a Positive Case

As the cases of coronavirus continue to rise, it is inevitable that most schools, despite having robust risk assessments and new safety procedures in place, will have a positive case within their school community, be it a member of staff or a student.

I wanted to reassure you that we have a detailed action plan in place in the event of a member of the Carr Head family testing positive. In order to act swiftly we need to be notified as a matter of urgency if your child tests positive for COVID 19. Please ring the office immediately and a senior member of staff will call you back. During that call we would speak with you and your child to identify who has been a close contact.

Any one of the following currently defines a close contact:

- i) being coughed on by the positive case;
- ii) having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre;
- iii) having unprotected skin-to-skin physical contact;
- iv) travelling in a small vehicle with the positive case;
- v) any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact;
- vi) extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with the case.

School staff would then identify any close contacts within school and will notify all concerned. If your child has been identified as a close contact, you must collect them from school - due to the nature of a school, close contacts may involve complete bubbles. Please note that we are not allowed to disclose the identity of the positive case.

Under the current directives, any close contacts must self-isolate for 14 days since their last contact with the positive case. Close contacts do not need a test unless they are symptomatic. However, if your child develops any coronavirus symptoms please get them tested. Again, please contact us immediately if your child's test is positive for COVID.



Being mindful of the definition of close contact and to give us all extra protection, I would like to thank you for wearing a face covering at the beginning and end of the school day. This, alongside social distancing in the school vicinity, will help to reduce our number of close contacts within our school community. In order to further minimise the spread of any infections, please can you reinforce hand washing techniques and good respiratory hygiene with your child.

These continue to be unusual times and the guidance we are working within changes rapidly, often with little notice but we continue in our determination to keep our school community safe and happy. I will update you with any significant changes to our plans as and when appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support,

Angeli Slack

