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Covid-19 - Update

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we have had a member of staff test positive in our 0-3 setting. We are following the specific guidance from Public Health England (PHE) and have carried out a risk assessment to identify close contacts. As a cautious approach, the **0-3 bubble has been closed until 12th October 2020**. In addition, **a small number of children in Early Years who have attend 0-3 Wrap Around** have been asked to self-isolate.

If you have not received a letter or phone call identifying your child then your child has not been identified as a close contact and does not need to make any changes to their normal routine and can continue to attend school as normal.

I understand you may be concerned that someone has tested positive for the virus at Bridgewater. Please be assured that we have acted on this information immediately upon receiving the news and we have followed advice from both the Department for Education (DFE) and PHE about what action to take.

As Bridgewater has been strictly observing the guidance on infection prevention and control, it is not necessary to close the whole school at this stage as the risk of transmission has been reduced.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

It is obviously very important that we all continue to follow government guidelines to reduce the transmission of the virus. Further guidance is available here <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
If you would like to contact me please call the school office. In the meantime, I will be in touch again if the situation changes.

Take care,

Mrs S Robson (Head Teacher)

