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Dear Parents and Families

We have had a positive start to the term, and thank you again for your support and for being so vigilant in monitoring your children's health, as we try to keep our transition from home to school as smooth as possible after the summer holidays.

You may be aware that in some schools locally, classes are being sent home if a pupil has tested positive for coronavirus, so I would like to inform you of the procedures which will be put into place here at St Mary's, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus.

### **Pupils displaying symptoms**

All pupils are part of a class 'bubble'. If a pupil begins **displaying** coronavirus symptoms at school, they are sent home, along with any siblings, and the whole household advised to self-isolate for 14 days. If possible, a test should be arranged for the pupil with the symptoms. A self-isolation work pack will be given to the child/children to ensure that they have work to complete whilst they are at home.

After the period of self-isolation, or if a test result comes back as negative and the pupil is no longer symptomatic, the pupil will be able to return to school.

### **Pupils testing positive**

In the event of a pupil **testing positive** for coronavirus, the parents/carers of the rest of the children in that class will be notified and all those pupils sent home to self-isolate for a period of 14 days, in case they too become symptomatic. This is what we will refer to as a 'closed class bubble' and will result in the class teacher and TA also self-isolating.

If this occurs at St Mary's, remote learning for the class bubble will be provided for all children to complete whilst they are at home. The teacher will also communicate with pupils and parents via the school website and emails during this time.

Siblings of a child within the bubble sent home can remain at school, and will only need to self-isolate if the child sent home becomes symptomatic during their 14 days of isolation.

I appreciate that it is a challenging time for us all; we are regularly discussing and reviewing our procedures to ensure that as a school we are putting into place as many safety measures and precautions as we can. I will continue to keep you informed of any changes in government guidance or procedures as we progress through this half term.

Warm regards

**Mrs Claire Mills**  
**Acting Headteacher**

