

9th November 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and, during this period of national lockdown, have enough support around you during these challenging times.

In my letter dated 2nd November, I reiterated the school's commitment to maintaining open and transparent communication with the whole school community should we receive confirmation of a positive COVID-19 case within the direct school community (pupils or staff). In this spirit, I am writing to inform you that we received notification this morning that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in one of our Secondary classes at Riverside St Paul's Cray and, as per our protocols, we contacted the Department for Education and the Public Health England Health Protection Team as soon as we were aware. Based on the circumstances, the advice we received is that all pupils and staff within that bubble should stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days and this action has been taken.

All families have been informed so, if you were not contacted, your child is not affected but, as stated previously, our core values include *Integrity* and *Trust* and it is therefore important to us that the whole school community are aware of any positive cases that arise within the school.

Our commitment from the outset of the Coronavirus pandemic has been to keep our whole school community as safe as possible and you will be aware of all the precautionary measures we have put in place to reduce the risk of the infection spreading. We know that schools up and down the country are facing similar challenges but as I wrote in my previous letter, "we will ensure the second half of term is filled with joy and happiness, regardless of the challenges we are all facing". This remains our commitment, and we will continue to keep you fully informed in the weeks ahead.

With kindest regards,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher