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Saturday 12th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Information regarding a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Pentrepoeth Primary – Miss Matthew's class

This morning I was notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Reception - Miss Matthew's class. In line with guidance from Welsh Government, Environmental Health and Newport City Council a group of 8 pupils in this class will need to self-isolate for 14 days. **These pupils will need to isolate from 8th September until the 22nd September. These children may start back to school on Wednesday 23rd September 2020.**

Unfortunately Miss Matthews and Mrs Boulton will have to self isolate during these dates. I have arranged for Mrs Partington who is a very experienced colleague to teach the rest of the class during this time and I am in the process of arranging for a teaching assistant to be there also.

If your child is in Miss Matthews class and you have not a received a telephone call from me this morning then they are able to start school in Monday as planned.

All close contacts of the case are being identified and are in the process of receiving appropriate advice. The children outside of this group in school **have not been identified as a close contact and therefore do not need to self-isolate and do not require testing for COVID-19.** They can continue to attend school as usual.

However, please continue to be alert for any symptoms of COVID-19:

- a new or continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

If your child develops any of these symptoms, even if they are mild, you need to:



- book a test for them by phoning 119 or through the online portal: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- follow the advice provided when your child receives their test result
- phone school on 01633 896101 or email on pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk and let us know that your child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test
- ensure your child self-isolates for 10 days from when their symptoms started
- ensure all other household members isolate for 14 days from when your child developed symptoms
- ensure you do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but if you require medical advice please contact NHS 111 or telephone your GP; if there is a medical emergency phone 999

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, there are things that everyone in your family can do to help. These include:

- washing hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing hands as soon as they get home
- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not their hands) when they cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and washing hands afterwards

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here: <https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

Further information on NHS Wales 'Test, Trace', Protect can be found here: <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

For general information on COVID-19: <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 online symptom checker can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do: <https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

You are aware of all the measures we have put in place to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19. I want to reassure you that we will continue to be vigilant and do all we can to provide the safest possible environment for our school community.

Kind regards,



Dean Taylor
Headteacher

