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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to remind you of your responsibilities and the advice you must follow during the Covid-19 outbreak. We want to make sure all members of our community are safe and to do this we need your help:

* If you, or anyone in the household, have symptoms of Covid-19 – Do **NOT** send your child to school:
	+ Your child must self- isolate.
	+ They may return to school if the person with symptoms tests negative and your child has not developed symptoms.
* If you, or anyone in the household, tests positive for Covid-19 – Do **NOT** send your child to school.
	+ Your child must self-isolate for 10 days, **even if** they themselves test negative during that period
	+ Your child may need to extend the self isolation period if they develop symptoms
	+ They may return to school after 10 days without the need for further testing.

This advice is so important for the safety of our community. It will help stop the spread of the virus and protect vulnerable people who may become seriously ill or even die as a result of catching Covid-19. As of December 2020 nearly 700 people in Bradford District have already sadly died due to the virus.

Your cooperation will also help reduce possible infections spreading in school and reduce classes or bubbles having to close.

Please note that if you are contacted by the Test and Trace service the requirement for you to self-isolate is enforceable with fines of up to £10,000. Schools are already working with the Local Authority who has an active programme of engagement with communities to reduce Covid-19 infections.

If you are required to self-isolate, you may be entitled to some financial support:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-adviceand-support/test-and-trace-supportpayment/>

If you need support with shopping or medicines, or a friendly chat, you can access NHS volunteers:

<https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/>

If you need immediate support or further advice you can also call Bradford Council - 01274 431000 (Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Headteacher