

To All Parents and Carers

9th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A confirmed case of Covid19 in our school

A member of our school has tested positive for Covid-19. We are working closely with Rochdale's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

If your child is a contact of the case, we will be in touch with you to tell you the next steps. Any contact **must** self-isolate for 14 days. Only the contact needs to self-isolate, other members of the contact's household do not need to self-isolate. A contact will be any other student who has met the Public Health England descriptor for contact. One confirmed case does not mean an entire year group/class will need to isolate for 14 days. A contact is a child or adult who has been within 2 metres of the confirmed case for more than 15 minutes, or within 1 metre for 1 minute, or who has been face to face during social time within 48 hours. This information is taken from school management information records, timetables, seating plans and staff observation of students.

If your child has not been identified as a contact, they do not need to self-isolate. If your child is well, they must attend school.

It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 and only well child attend school or childcare settings.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If your child is identified as a contact, please try not to worry. For most people Covid19 is a mild illness.

If you or your child develops any of the above symptoms or become unwell, please contact NHS111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too, and it is important that these are not missed.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the Academy website, www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can contact school by emailing: admin@stannesacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Heyes', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Heyes
Headteacher

cc: Andrea Fallon, Director of Public Health, Rochdale Council.