

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, we have had a positive test result for an individual in our Year 3 bubble. I would like to explain the process that we are asked to follow should a positive case be reported in school. In the event of a positive case in school, we report all the details to the Department for Education (DfE) Coronavirus helpline, which liaises closely with Public Health England (PHE). This is the process that we are required to follow by the DfE. During this call all the details of the case are reviewed and a risk assessment is carried out to identify any close contacts of the positive case, in accordance with PHE requirements.

The Trust has a set of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) policies and risk assessments, which follow national and local guidance. Hill View follows this policy and risk assessments to ensure safety of all in school. Where, as in the case yesterday, a positive case was identified in school, the school follows the guidance of the DfE/PHE. This guidance requires us to identify any close contacts and to ask them to self-isolate. It is the policy of the DfE/PHE not to automatically close a bubble as this would otherwise be asking children not to be in school when it is safe for them to be so.

I would like to assure you that the school and the Trust treat the safety of all those in school as its absolute priority and as such we ensure that we are taking every reasonable measure to ensure safety. Should you wish to view our COVID-19 (Coronavirus) policy or Risk Assessments please visit the Reach South Academy Trust website (www.reachsouth.org) where these can be viewed.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Thank you for your continued support through this unprecedented national pandemic

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Buckland'.

Victoria Buckland
Headteacher