

27th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Positive Covid-19 Case and closure of 10 Brighton Bubble

We received notification that there has been a Covid-19 case within the school. This case has affected one child who has tested positive in 10 Brighton.

We have therefore taken the decision to close the affected class, with the pupils in this class isolating at home for 14 days. These pupils have been informed directly. Please note that **siblings of the children in this class should not isolate**, only the children who are in 10 Brighton, who have been in direct proximity to the infected pupil. In addition, we have identified a small number of specific other pupils who were defined as a direct contact or proximity contact on Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th November. This means the following:

- being less than 1m away from this pupil for 1 minute or more
- Having physical contact, being coughed on, direct face to face speaking
- Being less than 2m away from this pupil for 15 minutes or more

As we keep groups separate inside of school, such contacts are rare. We have found for secondary pupils, a possible contact point is actually before or after school, when pupils interact with less supervision. Secondary pupils have generally complied with the expectations after school – to wear a mask when directly near the school, to avoid close contact with other pupils and to go home directly. Pupils should not be waiting around, going to shops in groups, etc. We ask all parents of secondary pupils to support us in ensuring pupils meet these expectations to limit social interactions.

We know that you may find news of another case concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and have taken advice from Public Health England and Ark Schools. We believe the response of sending these this bubble home will keep this group and all our community safe.

The way that we are running the school means that classes are kept separate from other children in the school, and so we have mitigated the risks of transmission to other pupils. Where possible, including in secondary and for specialist teachers in Primary, staff will not need to isolate because they have been able to distance from the pupils.

The school remains open and other than those in these classes your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

Yours sincerely,

Max Haimendorf
Principal