

8th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Positive Covid-19 Case in Secondary class TLC

We have received notification that there has been a Covid-19 case within the school. This case has affected one child who has tested positive in a class group in Secondary (TLC), a cross year group bubble who learn together each day - made up of 9 pupils.

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 TLC, who have been in direct proximity to the infected pupil.

We know that you may find this 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 these 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. Where any contacts are believed to have taken place, any pupils or staff will isolate to reduce the risk of infection. In this case, three members of staff have needed to be in contact with this pupil to meet their needs and so these staff will isolate for the relevant period.

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

Yours sincerely,

Max Haimendorf
Principal