



Yew Tree Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As most of you are probably already aware we have had a positive test in 4 Red over the weekend. I would like to share that the positive test was for an adult in 4 Red and not a child and isolating the children is only a precaution in line with guidance from Public Health England. Only the children and adults who have spent a long time in the presence of the member of staff who has tested positive are being asked to isolate which is why siblings are still allowed to attend. Obviously if your child or a family member tests positive then the whole household would need to isolate for 14 days in line with the government guidance.

Remember the evidence at the moment shows that children, particularly young children like primary school children are not only the least likely to catch or transmit the virus they are also the least likely to have any serious symptoms or health issues if they do catch it.

The precautions we have in place are as much for the adults (parents and staff) to remain safe as the children, because the adults are the most likely to catch and transmit the virus to one another.

We would like to remind you of the precautions we have in place to help reassure you:

Reminders for parents

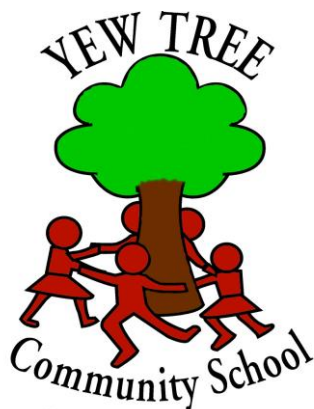
- Only one parent to pick up/drop off children.
- Parents to remain outside of school building.
- Parents to communicate with class teacher through email (email addresses are on website/app and will be on year group newsletters).
- Children to only arrive a few minutes before their designated start time.
- Parents please try to social distance from other parents where possible.
- Children to bring their own water bottles.
- Ensure children wash their hands before leaving for school and on their return.

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In School Measures

Children only have break and lunch with their own year group.

Playground is split at breaks and lunch to allow this to happen.

Staggered break times and lunchtimes.

Classrooms are cleaned daily.

Children wash their hands regularly

Children encouraged to catch coughs and sneezes with tissues and bin tissues

Classrooms are ventilated (doors and windows open where possible)

Children are all forward facing in classrooms

We appreciate that this does not make the children, staff or parents 100% safe but we have followed all the guidance and we hope this will reduce the risk to all parties as much as possible. Unfortunately life is never 100% safe and we don't know if it will be a month, a term or even a year before we are all safe from COVID but the damage to children's education and parent's jobs and livelihoods if we wait for 100% safety is probably going to outweigh the risks of sending children to school regularly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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