



Friday 15th July

Changes to Contact Tracing in school from Monday 19th July.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now received the updated guidance from the Department for Education regarding changes to contact tracing from Monday 19th July and how cases in school are followed up. Below is our understanding;

If there is a positive case in school they must isolate and inform school, however children in the bubble will no longer automatically be asked to isolate straight away, as the decision to isolate from Monday sits with the Track and Trace system.

The responsibility for identifying contacts is being passed from schools to the 'Track and Trace' authority.

If a pupil tests positive, parents will be contacted by Track and Trace and asked about their child's close contacts rather than school being asked. They will need to share close contacts with the authority.

People, including, potentially, classmates who then need to isolate will be contacted by the Track and Trace team.

Pupils and staff who test positive will need to isolate.

We will inform families if there has been a positive case in their child's class.

Pupils already isolating will continue to isolate until their final isolation day.

School may still be forced to close if staff are ill or isolating and school cannot be staffed safely.

We hope this makes sense. The new guidance is quite confusing and we've tried to explain it as clearly as we can.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher