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Dear parent / carer,

I am writing to let you know that we have been informed that a pupil has tested positive for Covid-19 at the academy. The pupil is now self-isolating and we wish them a speedy recovery. We have consulted with Public Health England and the NHS and are carrying out track and trace procedures in line with their guidelines.

We have carried out a full risk assessment with Public Health England, who have confirmed that the academy is following all recommended guidance and as such is safe to continue within our new way of working.

Given the confirmed case is not in your child's bubble, this means that your child can continue to come into school.

Having taken advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England, we have taken the following precautionary measures:

- ★ All children in the affected bubble have been asked to isolate and given a recommendation of having a test booked if they develop symptoms. Current guidance is that there is no requirement to get a test if an individual has no symptoms.
- ★ We have instructed our cleaning team to undertake a deep clean of the zone and classrooms that the group has been based in, as a further precautionary measure.

In line with Department for Education and Public Health England's advice, all children and staff in the affected bubble will now have to self-isolate till 23rd September 2020 – for the most up to date guidance please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance - GOV.UK.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19)

I want to stress again that the safety of our children, families and staff will always be our number one priority, and I understand how worrying this news will be. We will keep all parents updated and informed as the situation develops.

In the meantime, we will revert to providing home learning for all pupils in the affected bubble so they can continue their learning, so long as they feel well enough to do so.

As ever, if you have any questions at all, please do get in touch by emailing info@astreasheffield.org

Yours sincerely,

Emma Glover | Head of Academy

