



# PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Social Distancing and Communication

Dear Parents, Carers of children in Year 1,

As you will be aware, we have had a positive Covid 19 case in a Year 3 child at Park. As you will also be aware, I sought advice from the DfE (as per national guidance) and closed the Year 3 extended bubble as I believed that to be the right thing to do. The siblings of the affected child are also isolating. It has come to my attention today that there are various messages being passed in groups to state personal opinion relating to what I ought to have done in relation to the closure and comparing our practice with other schools.

May I please state:

- You will receive the truth and the facts from the school; if you have a concern, please call school 02085344065 and I will talk to you. False rumours are causing anxiety and stress and are not supportive of our community as a whole.
- Different people are reacting to this in different ways. Try to empathise with others.
- The sibling of the child who tested positive is not in Year 1.
- As part of our assessment of risk we look to see likely contacts of any positive cases. There is a low risk that any year 1 child has had any school contact with the child who tested positive.
- The DfE does not ask us to risk assess contacts of contacts, only of positive cases. We assess the risk of immediate contacts of the positive case only.
- Trust the school's judgement, it is nobody's business to worry about who the sick child is (only really to hope that they are ok); we have internal systems to assess risk and act upon it.
- If you have any suggestions, comments or queries please call and we will be happy to discuss a situation with you and amend things which are not working. Gossip and rumour will not cause change.
- Please collect your children quickly from the line and exit the playground straightaway; staggered entry and exit times exist to minimise congestion. What we saw today was congestion. Tomorrow the children will be brought out in two lines of fifteen to see if that makes a difference.
- We are here to educate your child/ children, keep them safe to the best of our ability and contribute to their happiness. Please support us in achieving this aim.

Yours respectfully,

Synopsis of content:

1. Fact and truth will come from the school; please try not to let rumour and untruth make you anxious.
2. If you have suggestions that will support us to be increasingly safe at this challenging time, talk to us.
3. We will only ever act in your children's best interests and in accordance with official guidance which we receive. We will assess risk and take the necessary action.